



National Leadership

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Pat Little - National Commander

Patriot Patrick Little joined the MOPH in 1992 and served as Delaware Chapter 9377 Commander (1996-98), Delaware Department Commander (2007-10) and as Region I Commander (2011-12), before being elected to the National Leadership. He served in the US Army from 1968 - 1970, with a tour of duty in Vietnam with a Btry, 1/30th Field Artillery, 1st Air Cavalry Division. Pat was wounded August 12, 1969 on LZ Becky, in the Tay Ninh Province, from devastating incoming that wiped out the three gun placement. After his military service Pat had more than twenty-two year career with the DuPont Company. In 1992, Pat formed a company that assisted new high-tech business startups. He is past President of Union Optical Company USA and past Finance Chairman and Treasurer of Goodwill Industries of Delaware. He has BS in Economics, from Pennsylvania Military College, MBA courses from the University of Pennsylvania, and Advanced Management Certificate from Columbia University.



Robert J. Puskar - National Senior Vice Commander

Patriot Robert Puskar joined MOPH in 2000 and served as Department Chief of Staff before being elected National Commander, Region VI. He served four years with the US Marine Corps, 1964-68, assigned to Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 62. He was wounded near Dong Ha in 1968 when his unit deployed to Vietnam. Patriot Puskar lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona, with his wife, Dottie, and is a member of Chapter 0790.



William Nazario - National Junior Vice Commander

Patriot William Nazario was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico in August 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 18 months during the Vietnam War, volunteering to be point man for Fox Company 2, 7th Battalion, and receiving promotion to squad leader. He reached the rank of Lance Corporal. During his service, William Nazario earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm and frame, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the New York State Conspicuous Service Medal, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star. William Nazario served as Commander Region I of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and as Co-Chair of the 19th Congressional District Veterans Advisory Council and the Westchester County Veterans Advisory Council, as Chairman of the Cortlandt Hudson Valley Veterans Committee, and is a member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Post 1030 in Verplanck. At the 2013 National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, he was named as the Patriot of the Year, 2011 Male Volunteer of the Year for the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, and the United Auto Workers Region 9A 2009 Veteran of the Year for his volunteer and civic commitments to the community. William Nazario retired from the United States Postal Service.

Ernesto P. Hernandez III - National Adjutant

Patriot Hernandez had a distinguished career in the US Air Force, graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1994 with a BS in Management. Over the course of his career, he had assignments at every level of command and staff, including The Air Education and Training Command, and the office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, where he directed Air Force, joint service and international programs with a \$7.5B annual budget. During this time he attended Webster University in San Antonio, TX where he received a Masters Degree in Business Administration. In 2004 he deployed to Iraq where he served as an Aide to the Deputy Chief of Staff and as Executive Officer of strategy, plans and assessments for the Multination Force in Iraq. Other assignments included Inspector General for Air Force District of Washington DC, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and two exchange assignments with the Department of State as Senior Military Advisor in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and later as Senior Counter Narcotics Officer in the Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs where he coordinated inter-agency policy and programs related to all jointly funded agencies with counternarcotic and law enforcement programs in support of Mexico and Central America. In 2008 he was handpicked by the JCS J5 to serve as DoD's lead Security Assistance Officer for the world's largest Foreign Military Sales program ever (\$9B). In response to Joint Staff's Iraq's "weapons acquisition boost" in support of Security Transition to the Government of Iraq. On March 26, 2008 at FOB Phoenix the heavens began to rain metal and he was wounded by indirect fire while using his body to shield the entrance of an open-bunker to protect its occupants which were mainly newly arrived female soldiers. Since his retirement from the Air Force, he has focused his attention on his own rehabilitation from injuries in combat and spending time with his family following numerous years of combat deployment. Concurrently, he has worked with the youth in his community as a football coach, and helped found two non-profit organizations, the Loudon County Markersmiths, and the Wounded Paw Project. In 2014, he joined the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He now lives in Northern, VA.

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Frank Van Hoy - National Service Director

Patriot Frank Van Hoy is a native of Goldsboro, NC. He is a graduate of Troy University, Troy, Alabama, with a BS in Social Sciences. He and his wife Cindy have three children and presently reside in Owings, MD, near the Chesapeake Bay. Major Van Hoy enlisted in the US Army in 1966 and completed active military service in 1986 as Curriculum Development Officer at the Defense Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C. Frank joined the National Headquarters Staff of the MOPH in 2007 and is responsible for all aspects of the National Service Program.