



Military Order of the Purple Heart

TEXAS CAPITAL CHAPTER 1919

SPRING - SUMMER 2023

Chapter Meeting (ELECTIONS): January 28th

2023 George Washington Birthday Dinner: February 18th

Chapter Annual BBQ in Driftwood: April 15th

Chapter 1919 Officer Elections for 2023

Chapter elections will take place during the next Chapter Meeting on Jan 28, 2023. The nominated officers for 2023 are listed below. Attend the meeting to nominate a different Patriot member, and more importantly – VOTE on the nominees and learn about chapter events for 2023 in the next 3-6 months.

Nominated for 2023:		Volunteers for Appointment:	
Commander	Carl "Pee Wee" Rees	Adjutant	Dustin VanVelzen
Senior Vice Cmdr	Paul Stehle	Welfare Officer	Raymond Diaz
Junior Vice Cmdr	Dustin VanVelzen	ROTC/JROTC Awards	Jim Bracken
Sergeant at Arms	Allen Leatherwood	Americanism	Jim Bracken
Finance Officer	Jim Bracken		
2 Year Trustee	<i>None received</i>		
1 Year Trustee	Ernie Banasau		

January 2023

<p>Sunday Jan 8th 11am - 1pm</p>	<p>Chapter Officer Meeting <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i></p>	<p>Mas Fajitas Restaurant 3050 Joe DiMaggio Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665</p>
<p>Saturday Jan 28th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>All HANDS Chapter Meeting Elections</p>	<p>Casa Chapala Restaurant 9041 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78758</p> <p>or attend virtually Join Zoom Meeting CLICK THIS LINK to JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 662 479 2985 Passcode: PH1919</p>

February 2023

<p>Saturday Feb 11th 11am - 1pm</p>	<p>Chapter Officer Meeting <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i></p>	<p>Mas Fajitas Restaurant 3050 Joe DiMaggio Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665</p>
<p>Saturday Feb 18th 5pm – 9pm</p>	<p>Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner</p> <p>Guest of Honor: General Vincent Brooks, USA (Retired)</p>	<p>The Austin Club 110 E 9th St, Austin, TX 78701</p> <p>Visit website (Special Events page) for more information and to make your reservation online today! Limited to 120 attendees this year. www.MOPHAustin.org</p>

March 2023

<p>Saturday March 4th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>Chapter Officer Meeting <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i></p>	<p>Casa Chapala Restaurant 9041 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78758</p>
<p>Saturday March 18th 11am - 1pm</p>	<p>All HANDS Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>Location: TBA - Check Website (Events Calendar) www.MOPHAustin.org</p> <p>or attend virtually Join Zoom Meeting CLICK THIS LINK to JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 662 479 2985 Passcode: PH1919</p>

April 2023

Saturday April 1st 10am - 12pm	Chapter Officer Meeting <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i>	Casa Chapala Restaurant 9041 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78758
Saturday April 15th 12pm - 4pm	Annual Chapter BBQ. This will be a pot-luck BB. The Chapter will provide the BBQ, members will bring side dishes, salads, and deserts. Live music by the Hill Country Ramblers; raffle and door prizes.	Rose Weeden's House 1175 Enchanted Oak Drive Driftwood TX 78619
Saturday Date TBD 8am – 5pm	Texas Department Annual Convention <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i>	Corpus Christi, TX <i>Information and registration forms will be posted on our website when available.</i> www.MOPHAustin.org

May 2023

Saturday May 6th 10am – 12pm	Chapter Officer Meeting <i>(All Members invited to attend)</i>	Casa Chapala Restaurant 9041 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78758
Saturday May 20th 11am - 1pm	All HANDS Chapter Meeting	Location: TBA - Check Website (Events Calendar) www.MOPHAustin.org or attend virtually Join Zoom Meeting CLICK THIS LINK to JOIN MEETING Meeting ID: 662 479 2985 <u>Passcode: PH1919</u>
Monday May 29th	Memorial Day Activities and Wreath Laying Ceremony	No official dates or confirmed times for activities or ceremonies at this time. Check Website (Events Calendar) for updates - www.MOPHAustin.org

June & July 2023 – no Chapter meetings scheduled

Chapter Officers meet on 1st Saturday of June and July for planning & coordination. Check website (Events Calendar) for times/locations of these staff meetings. All members are invited and welcomed to attend.

We have a new Web Admin!

Information on the website will be current and relevant. Use the “contact us” feature on the Chapter Officers page to communicate with officers and our new Web Administrator.

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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES -- \$200

Effective January 2022, MOPH Lifetime Membership dues were increased from \$50 to \$200. As we recruit new members, let them know that **Chapter 1919 will pay for \$150 of the \$200 lifetime membership fees, and in return ask new members to participate in at least FOUR (4) meetings or events during their first year.**

Chapter 1919 is the 2nd largest chapter in Texas, and 7th largest in the Nation (over 585 members). Our members are among the most compassionate, sincere, generous, and patriotic folks in the Order. During 2022, your Chapter Officers were committed to reviving Chapter activities and participation – we are still very much recovering from the COVID shutdown.

Chapter 1919 – Going Virtual!

To create more options for Patriot members to attend Chapter Meetings – we have opened a ZOOM Account. Not every member can attend our meetings in person but may be able to join virtually. Your participation in monthly meetings represents the heartbeat and future of Chapter 1919.

We highly encourage participation in Chapter 1919 events to build and strengthen camaraderie within our ranks. If you cannot attend in person, please take advantage of this new option and join our meetings. ZOOM meeting links are provided for all meetings in this newsletter and can be accessed on our website!

2022 Salutes & Recognitions

Salute: Patriot Mike Tarpley played TAPPS at numerous funeral services, representing MOPH, DAV, and VN Veterans with distinction at each. His volunteerism in Big Spring, TX goes above and beyond – and he continues to bring great credit to our Order. Based on his selflessness, honor, and commitment to serving veterans and their families, he has raised over \$800 in donations to our Chapter in 2022. Thank you, Mike, for being an authentic example of leadership.

Salute: Patriot Raymond Diaz continues to serve our Austin community through toy donations, Christmas baskets for homebound members, volunteering at the Austin VA clinic, and most importantly – coming to the assistance of veteran families in need. Thank you, Raymond, for years of service to veterans and representing Chapter 1919 with distinction in the Greater Austin area.

Salute: Jennynne Bilsky has held Chapter 1919 Auxiliary together during COVID and remains active to support events and fundraisers. She inspires all of us through her loyalty, commitment for service, and devotion to Chapter 1919 Patriots and Auxiliary members - past and present. Thank you, Jennynne, for all that you do!

Salute: Patriot Richard Cowan donated his M.U.L.E to Chapter 1919 with a spare engine to support the chapter's participation in parades. The M.U.L.E. is in pristine and working condition, so Patriots – be prepared to join us for the Austin Veterans Day parade in 2023 to ride on or walk alongside this vintage military vehicle from the mid-60's. Thank you, Richard, for the enduring gesture of support and camaraderie to Chapter 1919.

Salute: Patriot John Burkhardt and Purple Heart Supporter William "Big Bill" DeWinne for bringing life back to our chapter monthly lunches after COVID. These two loyal supporters of Chapter 1919 schedule and announce a luncheon every month to inspire Chapter 1919 Patriots, veterans, and non-veteran supporters to come together in brotherhood. Thank you, John and Big Bill, for putting action to the words of building camaraderie.

Recognition: Blanco Creek Farms continues to provide generous donations to Chapter 1919 every year to support our Christmas baskets and whenever we need assistance. Thank you, Richard and Lynne Cruz.

Recognition: The Sandahl Family – you are so incredibly generous and supportive to Chapter 1919. Thank you, Mark and Kathleen, for your enduring support.

Recognition: Rose Weeden – Chapter 1919 appreciates your continued support to our chapter traditions by hosting our annual BBQ in Driftwood. Thank you, Rose, for opening your home every year and making all of us feel loved and connected like family.

Recognition: Hometown Self Storage of Georgetown – Since 2019, you have provided excellent service and support to Chapter 1919. Thank you, Brian, for your generosity and support to combat wounded veterans.

Recognition: US Marine veteran Jim Darwin continues to support Purple Heart Patriots by coordinating 200+ complimentary tickets to the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl each year. Thank you, Jim, for your generosity and support to combat wounded veterans.

MOPH Leadership Awards - ROTC and JROTC Cadets

Chapter 1919 sponsors the recognition of outstanding students enrolled in both University ROTC programs (Senior ROTC) and High School JROTC programs (Junior ROTC). The nominated students exemplify leadership and excellence in all areas of performance. Each year from March-May, we present the MOPH National Leadership Awards to 8 Senior ROTC programs and 20 Junior ROTC programs in the Greater Austin Area, including programs as far away as Waco, Bryan, Brenham, New Braunfels, and San Marcos.

In-person award ceremonies have returned after a few years of COVID virtual events. We are seeking Patriot members who would like to represent our Order at the ceremonies and present medals to these well deserving students. Contact Jim Bracken if you want to support any of the award presentations this year.

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The 2023 ROTC and JROTC award ceremonies will be posted on our [Event Calendar](#) as we confirm each ceremony. Visit our website to see award ceremony dates, times, & locations. www.MOPHAustin.org

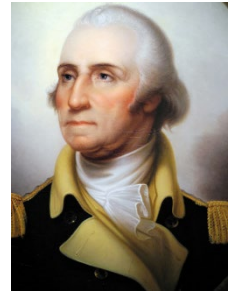
Note from the Commander

In 2023, the Chapter Officers will measure success by participation and event attendance from the post-Vietnam Patriot members. The future and relevance of Chapter 1919 is in the hands of Patriots from conflicts after the Vietnam War. The goal for 2023, will be to fully staff the officer positions from younger members for the next year.

Chapter 1919's implementation of ZOOM access to chapter meetings is our first step. If you can attend in person, please make every effort to do so. If you cannot make the meeting in person (due to other obligations, or the time required to commute to & from the meeting location) – we encourage your attendance virtually for as much of the monthly chapter meetings as possible.

Together, we can bring Chapter 1919 back to life and return to level of participation we had before COVID.

We hope to see our members participate in at least TWO or THREE chapter events during 2023 so that we can fulfill our primary mission of promoting camaraderie and brotherhood among Purple Heart recipients.



Texas Capital Chapter 1919 Military Order of the Purple Heart

*The Patriot members and the Auxiliary of MOPH Chapter 1919, invite you to join our annual dinner celebration for **George Washington's Birthday**.*

Our dinner will be held at the beautiful and historic Austin Club on

Saturday, February 18, 2023 - beginning at 5:00pm

It will be an excellent evening with the Texas Capital's combat wounded veterans.

A buffet dinner will be provided and a cash bar available. This year, the meal includes a variety of salads, side dishes, and Red Wine Braised Short Ribs and Focaccia Crusted Chicken with lemon caper butter sauce.

General Vincent Brooks, US Army (Ret) is our Guest of Honor/Speaker for the evening.

We will have special awards, door prizes, silent auction, and Chapter 1919 logo items for purchase.

Single Dinner Tickets:	\$55 each by check (\$60 by PayPal & Visa)
Reserve a table for 8:	\$440 by check (\$480 by PayPal & Visa)
Reserve a table for 10:	\$550 by check (\$600 by PayPal & Visa)
Parking at adjacent garage:	\$12 per vehicle (pay at garage kiosk when leaving)

Dress Attire: Semi-Formal or Formal or Military Dress Uniform

The Austin Club is located at 110 East 9th Street, Austin, Texas.

Parking will be available in the garage adjacent to club. \$12 per vehicle

Register & pay via mail:

1. Make checks payable to: "MOPH Chapter 1919"
2. Complete registration form on next page.
3. Mail check and completed registration form to be received **not later than February 14th:**

MOPH 1919

PO Box 3185

Cedar Park, Texas 78630

YOU CAN ALSO Register & Pay via secure PayPal on our website's Special Events Page – www.MOPHAustin.org



George Washington Birthday Dinner 2023

MAIL-IN RESERVATION SHEET

Total Number of Attendees in your party:

Your Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Additional Guest Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Additional Guest Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Additional Guest Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Additional Guest Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

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MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Additional Guest Name: _____

MOPH 1919 Member? Yes No

Of vehicles for parking in the adjacent garage: _____

If paying by Check

Individual Tickets: \$55 per person

Table for 10: \$550

Table for 8: \$440

Total Cost for this Reservation: _____

A check in the amount of is enclosed.

Checks Payable to:

MOPH Chapter 1919

MAIL this form and check to:

MOPH Chapter 1919

PO Box 3185

Cedar Park, Texas 78630

Mail this Registration form and check to be received by 2/14/2023