



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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## UPDATE ROUTE AND SCHEDULE FOR 2018 PURPLE HEART TRUCK RUN (7800 miles)

5/27/2018

18 Jun, Mon – 9:00 AM: Departure Ceremony Washington, DC

--POC: Brandon Hughes, 302-682-0755,

Brandon.hughes.353@gmail.com

--POC: Gordon Sumner, 703-455-4527, C: 703-595-8800,

gordon.sumner53@gmail.com

-- 1:00 PM: Stop in Maryland for lunch

--POC: \*Lee Chambers. LeeChambers22@comcast.net, 443-935-2024

\*Arthur Coleman, 334-676=9143, (202) 390-1799,

arthur.colemaniii@gmail.com

-- 3:00 PM: Travel to Wilmington, DE; (112 mi, 2 hrs);

-- **RON: Marriott Courtyard Wilmington, 48 Geoffrey Drive, Newark, Delaware**

-- DRIVER: \*Justin Burdette, 321-446-3326,

Justin.burdette1986@gmail.com

-- CO-DRIVER: John Haynes, 678-779-8196, dec\_15\_49@yahoo.com

19 Jun, Tue – 9:00 AM: MOPH Chapter 9377 will host an event in front of the Cabela's Sporting Goods Store, 1100 Christiana Mall, Newark, DE, where the truck will be parked. Coffee and donuts will be served. Cabela's will mount a Purple Heart Parking sign, followed by a demonstration of the truck and signing ceremony.

--POC: \*Pat Little, 302-521-1196, little4j@aol.com

--POC: \*Gary Morris, 302-745-7470, gmorris60@comcast.net

Kelsie Andrews, Cabela's, Kelsie.Andrews@cabella.com, P: 302--266-2247.

-- PM: Travel to Philadelphia, PA (77 mi, 1.5 hrs); Chap 1777 hosts dinner at hotel

-- **RON: Sheraton Suites, Philadelphia Airport, 4101 B Island Avenue**

20 Jun, Wed –9:00 AM: Chapter 1777 and Museum of the American Revolution hold a joint ceremony at the museum, 101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA. Truck will be parked in front where it will be demonstrated to spectators, followed by a signing ceremony. The Museum will provide lunch for all participants.

--POC: \*Christine Spencer, 267-579-3534, cspencer@amrevmuseum.org

--POC: \*Bill Englerth, 610-733-9500, wengpurpleheart69@gmail.com

--POC: \*Chap 1777 Buddy Rhoads, 610-486-0629

-- PM: Travel to Patterson, NJ; (100 mi, 2 hrs);

--RON:

21 Jun, Thu – AM: Patterson (Wayne), Dey Mansion Event – Chap 366

--POC: \*Clark Foreid, 603-305-5575, abnzoomie@aol.com

--POC: \*Matt Erszkowicz, C: 973-986-2829, H: 732-381-1035, ezusmc@yahoo.com

--POC: \*Joe Belardo, 908-510-4349, josephbelardo@yahoo.com

-- PM: Travel to Newburgh, NY; (52 mi, 1 hr.);

-- RON:

22 Jun, Fri – AM: Ceremony at PHHH – Chap 1782

--POC: \*Richard Drago. 845-527-8159, rwdgroup@hotmail.com

--POC: \*Willy Nazario, 914-584-9301, willytoe1@yahoo.com

--POC: \*PHHH, Brian Maher. Ex Dir, C: 845-667-2949, brian@thepurpleheartinc.com

-- PM: Travel to Springfield, MA; (123 mi, 2 hrs.);

--RON

23 Jun, Sat – AM: Springfield Event

--POC: \*Brian Willette, 413-575-9450, ssgbrian.willette@gmail.com

-- PM: Travel to Syracuse, NY; (228 mi, 3.5 hrs);

-- RON

24 Jun, Sun – Day of Rest

25 Jun, Mon – AM: Syracuse Event – Chap 406

--POC: \*Tom Margrave, 607-423-0845, tecmargrave@twcny.rr.com

-- PM: Travel to Macungie (Allentown), PA; (210 mi, 3 hrs);

-- RON

26 Jun, Tue – AM: Macungie Event – Chap 190

--POC: \*Chuck Jackson, 610-966-4787, 484-707-9757,  
chuckjackson21@gmail.com

--POC: \*Frank Bokan, 570-386-3001, boksite@ptd.net

-- PM: Travel to Fairmont, WV; (253 mi, 5 hrs);

-- RON

27 Jun, Wed – AM: Fairmont Event -- Chap 724

--POC: \*Willy Williams, willie2203402@aol.com; C: 304-694-6515

-- PM: Travel to Charleston, WV; (140 mi, 2 hrs); Charleston Event – Chap  
733

-- RON: **Charleston Marriott Town Center | 200 Lee Street East,  
Charleston, WV**

--POC: \*Todd Morris, 304-444-4261, todd.morris@charlestonwv.com

--POC: \*Charles Baisden, (304)855-2009| C: (304)784-6330  
grunt6970@hotmail.com

At 5:00 PM, The Truck and Chapter tent will be positioned on the concourse of the Appalachian Power Baseball Park, behind home plate and beside one of the three main entrances into the park.

Gates open to the public at 6:00 pm and the game will start at 7:00 pm. A designated member of the Purple Heart team will throw out the first pitch for the game.

The entire Military Order of the Purple Heart team present will be recognized on the field before the National Anthem is played. A proclamation designating Appalachian Power Park as Purple Heart Park will be read and presented to Commander Baisden.

They will designate two ADA seats in the park as Purple Heart seats as well as an ADA parking space in the park parking lot will be designated a Purple Heart parking space.

28 Jun, Thu – 10:00 AM: Travel to Lynchburg, VA (230 mi, 4 hrs)  
-- RON

29 Jun, Fri – 9:00 AM: Lynchburg Event – Chap 1607

--POC: \*Gary Witt, H: (434) 525-9570, C: (434) 258-1808;  
gary.witt@verizon.net

-- 1:00 PM: Travel to Greenville, SC; (305 mi, 4.5 hrs);

-- **RON: Westin Poinsette Hotel , Greenville, SC at 120 South Main St.**  
**Dinner with Chapter 845 at the Nose Dive restaurant next to the hotel.**  
**Breakfast and lunch at the same restaurant the following day.**

30 Jun, Sat – 9:00 AM: A Chapter 845 Member will meet the team at the hotel and lead them to a prearranged spot on Main Street for the promotion.

The Press will be at the event, including the local Newspaper. WYFF-TV (NBC) will be on location doing a report as well. Members of Chapter 845 members will be there wearing plenty of Purple!

The event from 10am - 1pm should be heavily attended in that Greenville shuts down Main Street every Saturday morning for the Farmers Market. We should be in the middle of it.

--POC: \*Andy Burleigh, 404-625-5321, andyburleigh@gmail.com

--POC: \*Doug Greenlaw, 864-884-6760, douglasgreenlaw@aol.com

-- 1:00 PM: Travel to Valdosta, GA (370 mi, 5.5 hrs)

-- RON:

1 Jul, Sun – Day of Rest – Change of Drivers

-- **DRIVER: \*James Donaldson, 208-250-2350, stubby84@gmail.com**

-- **CO-DRIVER: \*Lenny Lazzara, 252-626-7046, lenny0713@yahoo.com**

2 Jul, Mon – AM: Valdosta Event – Chap 1000

--POC: \*Matt Bridges, 229-569-0915

-- PM: Travel to The Villages, FL (166 mi, 2.5 hrs)

-- RON

3 Jul, Tue – AM: The Villages Event – Chap 795

—POC: \* Johnny Byard, 757-868-0919, jbyard1@comcast.net

-- PM: Travel to Lecanto, FL (35 mi, 1 hr)

-- RON

- 4 Jul, Wed – AM: Lecanto Event – Chap 776  
--POC: \*Richard Hunt, (407) 579-6190, obakesan@att.net  
-- PM: Travel to Enterprise, AL (306 mi, 4.5 hrs)  
-- RON
- 5 Jul, Thu – AM: Enterprise Event – Chap 2216  
--POC: \*Robert Green. 334-348-9088, robertrgreen@roadrunner.com  
--POC: \*Vann Daughtry, 334-332-1004, vanndaughtry@charter.net  
-- PM: Travel to Birmingham, AL (204 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
-- RON
- 6 Jul, Fri – AM: Birmingham Event – Chap 2202  
--POC: \*Larry Groves, 205-925-0169, C: 205-919-7600, lpg022447@att.net  
-- PM: Travel to Memphis, TN (237 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
-- RON
- 7 Jul, Sat – AM: Memphis Event – Chap 484  
--POC; \*Bobby Baker, 901-754-9768, bobbyscoins@aol.com  
-- PM: Travel to Branson, MO (279 mi, 4.5 hrs)  
-- RON
- 8 Jul, Sun – Day of Rest – No change of drivers
- 9 Jul, Mon – AM: Branson Event – Chap 621 (Springfield)  
--POC: Terry Gott, 417-838-0370, terrygott3@gmail.com  
-- PM: Travel to Kansas City, MO (210 mi, 3 hrs)  
-- RON
- 10 Jul, Tue – AM: Kansas City (Ft. Leavenworth) Event; Chap 115  
--POC: \*Ted Knox, 816-690-7709, boxer1@comcast.net  
- Walter sleigh, 816-377-9438  
-- PM: Travel to Lincoln, NE (194 mi, 3 hrs)  
-- RON
- 11 Jul, Wed – AM: Lincoln Event – Chap 200  
--POC: \*Tom McBride, 402-366-6515, tmcbride909@gmail.com  
--POC: \*Jim Varejcka, 402-792-2144, jfvarejcka@windstream.net  
-- PM – Travel to Cheyenne, WY (442 mi, 6 hrs)  
-- RON

12 Jul, Thu – Cheyenne Event – Chap 800

--POC: \*Barry Gasdek, barry.gasdek@gmail.com

-- PM – Travel to Casper, WY (181 mi, 3 hrs)

-- RON

13 Jul, Fri – Casper Event – Chap 707

--POC: \*Daniel Carmona. 209-712-0395, white\_horse173@hotmail.com

-- PM – Travel to Ogden, UT (432 mi, 6 hrs)

-- RON

14 Jul, Sat – Ogden Event – Chap 995

--POC: Dee Garth Gibson, 801-452-3587, dghoot66@comcast.net

-- PM – Travel to Boise, ID (307, 4.5 hrs)

-- RON

15 Jul, Sun – Day of Rest – Change of Drivers

-- **DRIVER: \*Don Towers, 770 479-9656, Cell: 770 231-3954, dtowers3@comcast.net**

-- **CO-DRIVER: \*Ken Teunissen, 605-274-3320, purpleheartone@outlook.com**

16 Jul, Mon – 9:00 AM: Chapter 509 will host a welcoming ceremony for the Purple Heart Truck Run on the Idaho State Capitol Steps, with Patriot Phil Hawkins acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Following the Guest Speakers, there will be a reading of a Special Welcoming Proclamation. There will also be a special ceremony to transfer the truck keys to the new drivers for the next leg of the Run.

Following the ceremony, the truck will be moved to Lidia Ford Dealership for display and truck signing by the spectators.

--POC: \*Tim McBride, 208-405-9650, zippo@fmtc.com

-- \*Henry Parker, POC: HNPARK1@msn.com

-- PM – Travel to Reno, NV (422 mi, 6.5 hrs)

-- RON

17 Jul, Tue – AM: Reno Event – Chap 719

--POC: Andy LePeilbet, 775-773-8747, andy@nevadaandy.com

-- PM – Travel to Sacramento, CA (132 mi, 2 hrs)

-- RON

18 Jul, Wed – AM: Sacramento Event – Chap 385  
 --POC: Ken Thurman, 415-312-0840, Krtvet@gmail.com  
 --POC: Ernie Franco, 530-676-7808, emf3@live.com  
 -- PM: Travel to Bakersfield, CA (277 mi, 4 hrs)  
 -- RON

19 Jul, Thu – AM: Bakersfield Event – Chap 604  
 --POC:\* Tyrone Littlejohn, 661-301-5459, littlejohn622@gmail.com  
 -- PM: Travel to San Diego, CA (232 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
 -- RON:

20 Jul, Fri – AM/PM: San Diego Event – Chap 0049 – RON  
 --POC: \*Robert Hernandez, 619-208-2893, r.j.hernandez678@gmail.com  
 - POC: \*Justin Ruffier, CARS, San Diego- Office, 958-300-2920,  
 justinr@careasy.org

21 Jul, Sat – AM/PM: Visit Intrepid Spirit Center, Camp Pendleton – RON

22 Jul, Sun – Day of Rest—No change of Drivers

23 Jul, Mon – AM: Travel to Los Angeles, CA (120 mi, 3 hrs)  
 -- PM: Los Angeles Event – Chap 0002 X  
 --POC: \*Robert Martin, 424-361-9665, bobthehammer@outlook.com  
 -- RON:

24 Jul, Tue – AM: Travel to Fresno, CA (220 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
 -- PM: Fresno Event – Chap 106  
 --POC: Billy Carter, 559-681-4078, austincarter@gmail.com  
 – RON

25 Jul, Wed – AM: Travel to Santa Rosa (233 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
 -- PM: Santa Rosa Event --Chap 78  
 --POC: George Sager, 707-433-2044. Georgesager1948@gmail.com  
 – RON

26 Jul, Thu – AM: Travel to Redding, CA (228 mi, 3.5 hrs)  
 -- PM: Redding Event -- Chap 2001  
 --POC: Joseph Marvin, 530-339-6318, jmarvin1@aol.com  
 – RON

27 Jul, Fri -- AM: Travel to Medford, OR (150 mi, 2.5 hrs)  
-- PM: Medford Event – Chap 147  
--POC: \*Keith Wittnebell, 541-601-0364, kw3750@gmail.com  
– RON

28 Jul, Sat – AM: Travel to Portland, OR (273 mi, 4 hrs)  
-- PM: Portland Event – Chap 72  
--POC: \*George Monty, 603-676-7540, montygp@comcast.net  
--POC: \*Spencer Jones, 760-458-4403, sajones.e5@gmail.com  
--POC: \*Monty Getting, 503-767-7540, montygp@comcast.net  
– RON:

29 Jul, Sun – Day of Rest – No change of drivers

30 Jul, Mon – AM: Travel to Spokane, WA (350 mi, 5 hrs)  
-- PM: Welcoming Ceremony, MOPH National Convention

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