

## COMMANDER'S NOTES FOR MARCH

WE HAD A GOOD FEBRUARY AND WITH THE SUPER BOWL PARTY IT WAS A FUN PARTY AND A GREAT TIME FOR COMMRADESHIP. THANKS TO DOC FOR HOT WINGS AND PULLED PORK THAT WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. THE PRESIDENT'S DAY DINNER WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE MEAL, CATERED BY CARRABBA'S, WAS GREAT. WE HAD SEVERAL DIGNITARIES WITH SPOUSES PRESENT. WE PRESENTED THE FOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A PLAQUE FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF FOUNTAIN AND SURROUNDING AREA. THE FOUNTAIN POLICE AND EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO THE LOSS OF DEPUTY MICAH FLICK FROM EL PASO COUNTY. HIS FUNERAL WAS THE SATURDAY OF OUR DINNER.

DURING OUR MARCH MEETING WE WILL HOLD ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR. ALL MEMBERS CAN RUN FOR ANY ELECTED OFFICE OR BE APPOINTED TO ANY OFFICE. THE CHAPTER HAS FEWER OFFICES TO FILL SO IF YOU WANT HOLD AN OFFICE, COME TO THE MEETING AND RUN. WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT AND COMRADESHIP. YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO THE CHAPTER.

WE LOST TWO OF OUR KOREAN VETERANS RECENTLY. DONALD PARLIER WAS IN THE MARINE CORPS DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. ANDY MCROY WAS AN ARMY VETERAN OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT. MORE RECENTLY WE LOST MAJOR BRAD CATE, USMC (RET.). THEY WILL BE MISSED.

IT IS TIME TO GET THE PACKETS AND AWARDS FOR THE ROTC/JROTC CADETS FOR THE COLLEGE AND THE HIGH SCHOOLS WHERE WE PRESENT. THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$15.00 PER PACKET WHICH THE CHAPTER WILL COVER. THIS CHARGE IS NEW BECAUSE THE FOUNDATION CANNOT GIVE THE MONEY TO NATIONAL FOR POSTAGE. THE CHAPTER MAKES PRESENTATIONS AT ONE COLLEGE AND ABOUT TWELVE HIGH SCHOOLS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS LET SKIP RIPLEY OR MYSELF KNOW AT MOPH423@GMAIL.COM.

JUST A NOTE ABOUT BINGO. WE ARE HAVING A GOOD SIZE GROUP OF PLAYERS ON WEDNESDAYS AT THE BINGO HALL. THE MONEY MADE FROM BINGO MAINTAINS OUR BUILDING AND PAYS FOR OTHER EXPENSES. WE CAN ALWAYS USE HELP SO IF YOU HAVE ABOUT 3 TO 4 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY S WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

WITH THE ELECTIONS IN MARCH THIS WILL BE MY LAST COMMANDER'S NOTE. I WAS PROUD TO BE YOUR COMMANDER FOR THE PAST YEAR. AFTER MY SURGERY WILL BE WILLING TO HELP THE CHAPTER ANY WAY I CAN.

YOURS IN PATRIOTISM,

LARRY HATHAWAY  
COMMANDER

# CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Chapter elections will be held at our regular business meeting 10 March at 1030 hrs. Your input is important so please attend and have a say in running our chapter. Incoming officers will be installed the following month at the regular business meeting.

Many of you already know that National has reduced the number of officers to nine positions. Seven of these offices are elected positions and the other two are appointed by the incoming commander. The seven offices to which patriots will be elected are:

COMMANDER  
SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER  
JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER  
FINANCE OFFICER  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS  
TRUSTEE 2YR  
TRUSTEE 1YR

Appointed two offices are:

ADJUTANT  
CHAPLAIN

If you have an interest in holding any of these offices you must be present Saturday, 10 March. To see a full description of the duties of each officer please refer to <http://moph423.com/Bylaws.pdf>.

## MARCH 2018 MOPHA NEWSLETTER

Welcome March!! Are you ready for **St. Patrick's Day** and the wearing of the **green**?? Note we have several members past and present whose **birthdays are in March—Tomi, Ursula, Larry, Steven, (past, Brad Cate, Frank Keeser) and all of you whom I don't know "HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



” . Thank you to all the members and guests who ventured out in the storm to join us for our President's Day dinner—approximately 43. The food and fellowship were grand. There as no business meeting. Since the National convention is earlier this year, all other activities are earlier. At our **March meeting, 3-10-2018, 10:30a**, we will have election of officers for the 2017-2018 year. Please come and support our unit and have a voice in our endeavors. At our April meeting we will have Installation of officers. Reports to National have to be delivered to the National recipients by May 15, 2018. Patty A. will have 10 new MOPHA pins available for a cost of \$10 ea. As of yet we are still waiting for news from IRS for our new number/or receipt of the name change to file our 990 report. **Please keep our Commander, Larry H. in your prayers as he is having orthopedic surgery. Keep Patriot Glen C. in your prayers as he recovers from orthopedic surgery. Also, remember the family of Brad Cate. Brad passed away February 12, 2018. He gave much of his retired life to Purple Heart and Veterans. Looking forward to a prosperous year.**

Yours in Patriotism,

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