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MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART TESTIFIES BEFORE JOINT HEARING OF SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, National Commander Clayton Jones testified on behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) before a Joint Hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs.



National Commander Clayton Jones testifies before Congress

This annual event brings together the leaders of all of the major Veteran Service Organizations, and allows those Members of Congress directly responsible for Veterans' Affairs to hear first-hand the issues of most concern to veterans. This year, Commander Jones addressed many of the issues that veterans face, especially the top MOPH legislative priorities for the 112th Congress, including:

Elimination of the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) and the Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset.

Concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability.

Improvement of the timeliness and accuracy of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) claims system.

Medicare subvention.

VA health care – especially Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Veteran employment/contracting opportunities within the federal government

The organization now known as the "[Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. Inc.](#)," (MOPH) was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Chartered by the Congress, The MOPH is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's military history. Most importantly, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. Through the VAVS program, MOPH volunteers provide assistance to hospitalized veterans at VA sites and State Veterans Homes.

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