

2007 MOPH AND LAMOPH REGION I CONFERENCE

Date and Time

Saturday, October 13, 2007
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Location

Sheraton Suites Philadelphia Airport
4101 B Island Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19153
Tel: (215) 365-6600
Fax: (215) 492-8471
Website: <http://www.sheraton.com/philadelphiaairport>

Conference Registration

The Conference registration fee is \$20.00 per person. It includes the cost of continental breakfast and hot plated lunch on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Registration is required for all Conference attendees, including all guests (members and nonmembers of the MOPH and/or LAMOPH). Please mail all checks to Region I Commander Steve Cobb. Your check should be received by Monday, October 1, 2007. If you miss this deadline, late and onsite registration fee is \$25.00 per person.

Transportation

By Air

The Sheraton Suites Hotel is located 1.6 miles or 5 minutes away from Philadelphia International Airport. The airport code is PHL. For additional airport information, visit www.phl.org or call (215) 937-6937 for general information and 1-800-PHL-GATE (1-800-745-4283) for flight arrivals and departures, including gate assignment. The Sheraton Suites Hotel provides complementary shuttle service to and from the airport upon request.

Driving Directions

From North, take I-95 South to Exit 15 (Island/Enterprise Avenue). Follow the road around a sharp right turn onto Island Avenue. The Sheraton Suites Hotel is on the right just past the traffic light.

From South, take I-95 North to Exit 13 (Central Philadelphia/State Route 291 West). Exit at Island Avenue/PA 291 ramp. Stay to the right. Turn right onto Island Avenue. The Sheraton Suites Hotel entrance is on the right.

From East, cross over the Walt Whitman Bridge towards Philadelphia. Take I-95 South to Exit 15 (Island/Enterprise Avenue) immediately after the toll booth. Follow the road around a sharp right turn onto Island Avenue. The Sheraton Suites Hotel is on the right just past the traffic light.

From West, take I-76 East to Exit 43A (Penrose Avenue/Airport) to PA 291 and I-95. Cross Platt Bridge staying in the left lane. Take Island Avenue/PA 291 Exit. Turn right onto Island Avenue. The Sheraton Suites Hotel entrance is on the right.

Hotel Rooms

All hotel rooms are suites with a separate living room and bedroom. Smoking, nonsmoking, and accessible suites are available. Every suite includes one King size bed and one Queen size sofa bed, coffee maker, refrigerator, iron, hairdryer, two televisions, and three telephones. High speed Internet connection is available for a fee.

The Sheraton Suites Hotel set aside a block of suites with a discount group rate of \$119.00 per room per night plus 7% tax. 15 suites are available from Friday, October 12 (3:00 PM check-in) to Saturday, October 13 (12:00 PM check-out). 3 suites may be extended until 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 14. If necessary and known by Monday, October 1, additional suites will be requested. Reservations with the special rate must be made by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 5.

To reserve your suite, call 1-800-325-3535 and ask for the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" group rate. You can also reserve your room at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0709137395&key=38727>. Reservations made via this special web link will show the full tax rate of 14%. Your credit card will not be charged until your check-out from the hotel. The tax rate will be reduced to 7% at that time.

Late check-in is available. You may request it at the time of reservation or by calling the hotel with your confirmation number. Late check-out may or may not be available. You may request it early at the time of reservation but not later than at the time of your check-in. To cancel your hotel room reservation and receive the applicable refund, you must call the hotel at least 72 hours prior to your arrival and obtain a cancellation number.

Hotel Parking

The Sheraton Suites Hotel has a secure gated parking facility. As a way to thank combat-wounded veterans and their families, the hotel waived its daily parking fee. To receive your complimentary parking pass, please go to the hotel's front desk and say that you are with the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" group.

Food and Beverages

The Sheraton Suites Hotel has a Mediterranean style restaurant/bistro (6:30 AM – 11:00 PM) and a lounge and news bar (11:00 AM – 12:00 AM). Room service is available. Other restaurants are located within a walking distance from the hotel.

The cost of your continental breakfast and hot plated lunch on Saturday, October 13 is included into your Conference registration fee. The continental breakfast will be served buffet style in the Region I Conference meeting room (Merion A and B) from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The menu includes regular and decaf coffee, tea, and assorted muffins. Regular coffee will be refreshed at 10:00 AM. The hot plated lunch will be served in the upper restaurant from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The menu includes garden salad, rolls and butter, pasta primavera, New York style cheesecake, regular and decaf coffee, tea assortment, iced tea, and assorted sodas.

Expected Guests

MOPH: National Junior Vice Commander Jim Sims, National Adjutant Joe Palagyi, National Service Director Jack Leonard, National Publications Committee Member and Immediate Past Region I Commander Joe Genduso, National Inspector Neil Van Ess, Past National Commander Joe Hems, Past National Commander Louie Spinelli, National Service Program Region I Field Supervisor Lois Reinhardt-Reyes, and National Service Program Region I Deputy Field Supervisor Joan Purvis.

LAMOPH: National President Harriet Hems, National Community Hospital Chairwoman and Department of New York President Melody Weeks, and National Constitution and Bylaws Committee Member and Department of Pennsylvania President Gale Loberg.

Donations

Although MOPH Region Commanders and LAMOPH Region Presidents have some of their required expenses (hotel room, coach airfare, mileage, per diem, etc.) paid for and/or reimbursed from the national funds, they receive no national financial support for the annual Region Conference. Monetary and in-kind donations from Departments, Chapters, Units, individual members, other organizations, community groups, businesses, and private individuals in support of the Region I Conference are encouraged and appreciated. Donated Welfare funds will be used to pay for food, beverages, door prizes, and/or raffle items. Donated Operational funds will be used to pay for the meeting room, handout materials, and other similar operational expenses. In-kind donations will be used as door prizes and/or raffle items.

Questions and Additional Information

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