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### **■ We're One Year Old!** (The Newsletter that is!)

We've heard it from you and we've heard it from others... compliments and kudos for our Department Newsletter. Frankly, we're flattered!

And now, just before our first birthday, we have reason to celebrate! At the National Convention on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> we were presented with the John Binion Newsletter Award for the best Department newsletter!



*Co-editors Bill & Mary Beth Woolie with Pat Murphy*

### **■ Participate America**

In September 2002, America came together in celebration of our democracy and in tribute to those whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001. **Participate America** is our shared commitment to civic participation. It is up to each of us to keep the spirit of America going throughout the year. Below are some ways you can find yourselves 'participating in America.'

- ♦ Volunteer – your time and talent to a cause or community group you are passionate about. Make your community a better place or help others in need. Be a role model for your peers and a mentor for children.
- ♦ Contribute – money and/or in-kind donations to worthy organizations or causes. Give generously. Teach others (and your children) the rewards of giving.
- ♦ Communicate – your ideas. Be receptive, respectful, responsive and responsible. Look for common ground and craft solutions, together. Keep an open dialogue with city, state and federal government officials. Know where they stand on issues of concern.
- ♦ Vote – with knowledge, conviction and purpose. Be a role model. Teach your children about civic responsibility and voting as the cornerstones of our democratic process.

Take the pledge seriously!

### **■ National Convention**

The 70<sup>th</sup> National Convention is now history. Everyone who attended in Portland, Maine will not soon forget the 500 plus lobsters consumed at the lobsterfest on the grounds of the world famous Portland Head Lighthouse. Minnesota was well represented with nine patriots, eight ladies, and one associate member.

Highlights included being presented with the John Binion Newsletter award for the best Department newsletter; election of Bill Woolie to National Commander; & the Commander's reception following installation held by the Department of Minnesota.

Maine has set a high standard and the next convention will be in Rochester, Minnesota. Lets get ready to show the nation 'OUR' Minnesota hospitality – you betcha!

### **■ Purple Heart Recipients to be Honored on New Postage Stamp in 2003**

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U.S. military men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart for sacrifices made on the battlefield will be honored on cards and letters starting next year when the U.S. Postal Service issues the Purple Heart postage stamp.

Recommended by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for issuance in 2004, Postmaster General John E. Potter decided to move up the stamp's release date by including it in the 2003 stamp program. The design of the stamp is in development and is expected to be unveiled within the next several months. The stamp will be issued next year on a date and at a location to be determined.

The 37-cent Purple Heart stamp will be a First-Class definitive stamp, which means it will be a "mail-use" stamp available for an indefinite period rather than the customary yearlong sales period generally used for commemorative stamps.

"For many years, the Postal Service has issued new postage stamps honoring its veterans, and now it is very appropriate that we honor the heroes who fought and were injured protecting the freedoms we hold so dear," said Potter.

#### We Care... We Remember!

As Purple Heart recipients we are sensitive to our veteran's needs. Our National Legislative agenda is based on the 'We Care, We Remember' theme, reminding the legislators of veteran's sacrifices for our freedom



Election Day  
November 5<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your service!

Happy  
Veteran's Day

November 11<sup>th</sup>

