



The chapter was dedicated on 12/15/1987 with 32 Charter members.

Since that date the Monterey Bay Chapter 549 has been working to support the MOPH mission: to help all veterans and their families.

Our chapter has referred or directed veterans to Service Providers for getting help and aids with financial support when needed for food, rent, electrical bills, bus passes, medical expenses and educational funding.

The chapter participates in community events and activities in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties; such as the annual Veterans Day Parade in Old Town Salinas, the Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



Our Americanism program includes giving presentations and providing literature to different schools from first to twelfth grades as well as school supplies and American flags for some school classrooms and American flags for also have provided our local ROTC/JROTC participants with the opportunity to receive a scholarship.



The chapter holds Viola and other donation drives to support our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Programs. These programs provide 84 Food Baskets (each having enough to feed 10 people) for a total of 840 individual meals. This equates to 1680 folks receiving a special taste of the holidays.



Preparing the boxes for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Programs.



Our First Responder program provides recognition to our local First Responders for their going above and beyond the call of duty in their job performance.



The chapter is continuously trying to recruit new members to join. We have two major military educational facilities in the Monterey Bay area, the Naval Post Graduate School and the Defense Language Institute which have many combat veterans attending the courses at these facilities.

If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who has received the Purple Heart Medal, our chapter provide a FREE life membership as our way of saying, "Thank You for your service and sacrifices".

All applicants will need to provide a copy of their DD-214 or Purple Heart award orders plus any other documentation to prove the award status.

