

September 9, 2008

Mr. Michael Kelemen
President
West Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association
117 Summers Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301-2110

Dear Mr. Kelemen:

As former State Commanders of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), we are delighted that the West Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association has graciously agreed to facilitate a "Take a Veteran to School Week" program in West Virginia during the week of Veterans Day 2008.

Through this program, teachers and visiting veterans will enable students to hear first person narratives about veterans' military service, as well as military statistics and heroes from the State of West Virginia. This will ensure that many of our stories can be preserved for posterity, a gentle reminder to all that "Freedom is not Free."

As combat veterans and Purple Heart recipients who fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, we look forward to doing our part to make this very worthwhile program the success we know it can be. Thank you, from all of us, for facilitating this project.

Sincerely,

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Weston, WV
Army, WWII & Korea

Teddy Davis
Horner, WV
Army, WWII, Ex-POW

James Proffitt
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