On September 11, 2010, DMORT Region III participated in the ninth anniversary, commemorating the September 11th Crash of Flight 93 in Western Pennsylvania.

The commemoration took place at the future site of the Flight 93 National Memorial (U.S. National Park Service) in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Keynote speakers included Mrs. Laura Bush and First Lady Michelle Obama.

The Flight 93 National Memorial protects the site of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The memorial commemorates the passengers and crew, “The Heroes of Flight 93,” who stopped the terrorists from reaching their target. The initial phase of the permanent memorial will be dedicated on September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

The DMORT III Team was honored to be invited to the memorial. Those present included: Patricia Kauffman, M.D. (Commander, DMORT III), Todd Wolfe (Administrative Officer), Dave DeCapria (Safety Officer), Greg Shanko (Mortuary Officer), Dale Fox (Mortuary Officer), John Carson (Deputy Commander), John McGuire (Deputy Commander), John Hosage, D.D.S. (Forensic Dentist), Cherylyn Danjou (Mortuary Officer), and Angela Hensley (Administrative Assistant).

Additional information about the Memorial may be found at www.flight93memorialproject.org/.
REGION IV
ANNUAL TRAINING
Savannah, Georgia
January 7-9, 2011

DMORT Region IV held its annual team training in historic Savannah, Georgia on January 7-9, 2011. Savannah was founded in 1733 by General James Oglethorpe, who did not allow slavery, rum, Roman Catholics, or lawyers in the town. It is a picturesque city, with 22 community squares and beautiful Spanish moss, draping ancient live oak trees. General Oglethorpe created an atmosphere of goodwill and hospitality, by working with the Yamassee Chief, Tomochichi. That same welcoming spirit was extended to DMORT, by the Chatham County Sheriff’s Honor Guard, the Sheriff of Chatham County - Mr. Al St. Lawrence, the Chairman of the Chatham County Commission - Mr. Pete Liakakis, and the Emergency Management Director - Mr. Clayton Scott.

The training was combined with other activities, organized by the Chatham County Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia Department of Community Health. In all, there were over 150 participants at the DMORT training. Partnerships and procedures were drafted, to enhance the mass fatality capability of the State of Georgia. Working relationships were also developed that will be vital in the event DMORT is deployed in the State of Georgia.

The training commenced on Friday, with a welcome address by Region IV Commander, Cotton Howell. A video tribute to the DMORT IV members, who were involved in the Haiti response, opened the training. Fire Chief Gregory Long delivered a presentation on the Port Wentworth Sugar Mill Fire; and Dr. Edmund Donoghue, former Chief Medical Examiner for Cook
County, Illinois, spoke on the city of Chicago’s response to the *1995 Summer Heat Wave Tragedy*, where over 700 people died of heat-related causes.

**Chaplain Rob Dewey** provided a break out session for those interested in the chaplain’s role in a DMORT response. **Tom Glenn**, Security Specialist, also held an IS-400 training class, as a break out from the main training program.

On Friday evening, the team was treated to a “*Taste of Savannah,*” with samples of the many culinary delicacies from several Savannah restaurants.

The **Georgia Army National Guard** hosted the Saturday training activities. Even with building renovations and guard units conducting drills, DMORT was graciously given the run of the armory. Each area of morgue operations, including FACT (Family Assistance Center Team) and IRCT (Incident Response Coordination Team), were active in this comprehensive training. **Don Wetter**, Emergency Coordinator for Region IV, provided information on the IRCT. **Greg Klimetz**, from the FACT, reviewed the role of FACT and the recent advancements in the VIP (Victim Identification Program). Everyone was amazed at the complexity of the IRCT and FACT. Product demonstrations added to the overall training, with excellent insight to various methods in storage and transportation of victims. Morgue specialty sections, disciplines, and functions were presented by: **Lee Wilson** (Admitting), **Nancy Adams** (Radiology), **Roger Balentine** and **Mike Eddy** (Proper PPE Procedures), **Pam Feeney**, **Jodi Bailey** and **Clair Shepard** (Photography), **Al Pryor** (Fingerprinting), **Nancy Ross-Stallings** and **John Williams** (Anthropology), and **Mark Koponen** (Pathology). The **Georgia Division of the Salvation Army** provided drinks, snacks and box lunches for everyone.

Saturday evening featured a *low country shrimp boil (aka Frogmore Stew)* at the historic St. John’s Episcopal Church. This church and some of the buildings on church grounds were used by General Tecumseh Sherman, during the *War Between the States*. The General did not burn Savannah, like he did Atlanta and Columbia, because he believed it was too beautiful to destroy.

Sunday morning was the team meeting. **Ron Beyerlein**, from the Program Development Branch at NDMS, provided the team with Headquarters Initiatives. **Kim Plunk** (Region IV Administrative Officer) updated the team on several issues, to ensure team efficiency. **Billy Yarborough** closed out the meeting with his own style of Tennessee humor.

Due to the threat of snow, the training was forced to end early. For anyone not familiar with the south, the following is the best (and humorous) explanation by Cotton Howell for the abrupt meeting’s end:

> “In the south, hurricanes are the best reason we have to kill a hog to barbecue, stock up on beer, and have a hurricane party. Tornados and divorces have the same outcome in the south: someone always loses a trailer. If you are lucky, you can find a sofa in the debris to put in your front yard. Floods muddy the creeks, which create the best time for “noodling” (pulling catfish from under the bank with your bare hands); and if you leave the doors open on your truck, it will wash all the beer cans out of the floorboard. But the mere thought of that dreaded four-letter word (snow) puts fear in every southerner’s heart. Schools close at the mere mention of the
possibility; cows are put on overtime to produce enough milk; and bread is non-existent. The temperatures may have been in the 10’s all year, but the threat of snow at 30 degrees will cause any true southerner to cut enough firewood for a month and dig out the heaviest coat they can find. Sometimes, we even put on long pants and wear socks with our sandals.”

The snow began on Sunday afternoon. By Monday, the entire southeast was in total lock down. Tom and Marilyn Crow (Region IV Team Members) were able to get a flight from Savannah to Charlotte, NC, but they found themselves snowbound at the airport. After two days, they rented a car and drove through a snowstorm in the Tennessee Mountains, back to their home in Kentucky. Thankfully, everyone made it home safely!

Combining important team information, team-building, fellowships, great regional cuisine, and a kindred spirit from everyone on the team, resulted in a successful training weekend. The Region IV training committee, consisting of Danny Baldwin (Deputy Commander), Paul Taylor (Deputy Commander), Al Pryor (Deputy Commander), and Ronnie Freels (Deputy Commander), Gail Works (Training Officer), Gail Thomas-Dewitt (Mortuary Officer), Helen Bratton (Mortuary Officer), and Rob Dewey (Chaplain), did an excellent job in keeping the entire event timely, relevant, entertaining, and informative.

In anticipation for next year’s annual training, the team has decided to conduct it at a venue on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, January 20-22, 2012. Most team members have not revisited the area since Hurricane Katrina, to witness the remarkable way the people of Mississippi have recovered.

“I always heard that college professors had eyes in the back of their heads!!”
Georgia Salvation Army staff with (from left to right) Gail Works, Paul Taylor, Kim Plunk and Cotton Howell

Lecture session during the training exercise at the National Guard Armory

Michael Eddy demonstrates the latest in PPE fashions
After many years of dedicated service as Commander of Region V, **Dr. Frank Saul** has resigned from this position.

Dr. Saul first began working with the human skeleton in 1949 at the American Museum of Natural History (New York City), and analyzed his first police-related case in 1954.

From 1953 to 1958, as Chief of the Anthropometric Unit of the AeroMedical Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, he conducted human factors research on Air Force flight crews.

Since 1962, Frank has been involved in interpreting ancient Maya skeletons for archaeologists, while continuing to identify otherwise unidentifiable modern human remains, both skeletal and fleshted, for coroners and medical examiners.

Frank is a Diplomate and Past President, American Board of Forensic Anthropology, and Senior Consultant in Forensic Anthropology to the Lucas County Coroner’s Office in Toledo, Ohio. He is also Professor Emeritus, Anatomy (including Radiologic Anatomy) and Associate Dean Emeritus of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, where he served from 1969-1993.

Dr. Saul became a DMORT Forensic Anthropologist in 1995. His first mission was the Comair 7232 crash near Monroe, Michigan, in February 1997. In October 1997, Frank was surprised to be appointed the Commander of Region V, after “butting heads” with several authority figures during the August 1997 KAL Flight 801 crash mission on Guam. He subsequently served at the Amtrak train-truck crash in Bourbonnais, Illinois (March 1999), where Frank was the Mission Commander; then, the Egypt Air crash mission in Providence, Rhode Island (January 2000); as well as the World Trade Center terrorist attack, where Frank was the DMORT Night Watch Commander at the New York City Medical Examiner’s Office during the first month after 9/11.

Dr. Saul is a consultant to a number of organizations and agencies, including the Wayne County Medical Examiner’s Office (Detroit, Michigan), the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (Washington, DC), the FBI Evidence Response Team (Cleveland, Ohio), and the Violent Crimes Task Force (Detroit, Michigan).
He also consults for the Maya archaeological projects of the University of Texas, Boston University, and Cleveland State University, carrying out field research on the origin and evolution of disease in the jungles of Belize and elsewhere in Central America.

Dr. Saul has been very active in teaching in recent years, and has conducted forensic anthropology seminars and mini-courses for a variety of agencies and organizations, including the Cleveland FBI Evidence Response Team, Ohio Identification Officers, International Association for Identification, Northwest Ohio Criminal Justice Training Center, Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, Wayne County (Detroit) Medical Examiner’s Office Death Investigation Course, El Paso, Texas, Medical Examiner’s Office, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and several state coroners and medical examiners associations.

Dr. Saul is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and his forensic work has brought him commendations from several law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Public Health Service, National Disaster Medical System, and the Republica de Panama Comite de Familiares de Desaparecidos de Panama.

With all his experience and expertise, Region V team members are glad that Dr. Saul will remain a member of Region V as a Forensic Anthropologist. Jack Beall has appointed Brad Targhetta as Region V’s Acting Commander.

**Condolences**

Region V extends our sincere condolences to John Callahan and his family on the death of his mother, Stella Callahan, who passed away in January, 2011.

**REGION VII NEWS**

**Region VII Training**

Kudos for DMORT 7’s Training Officer, John ‘doc’ Filippi for developing and implementing another informative, entertaining and successful training event. The location again was the beautiful Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, Missouri. The intent of the training was to allow the team members who did not have the opportunity to go to the National DMORT Training in Knoxville last May to be exposed to a meaningful learning experience. The unfunded training was held on October 1 - 3, 2010. Friday evening was set as a social time for team
members to arrive and relax, rekindling old friendships and making new acquaintances with the potential members and guests from other DMORT regions.

The training offered classroom and interactive participation to 46 DMORT VII team personnel and 7 guests, including: **CDR Dana Hall** (Region VII EC), **Sue Atwood** (DMORT V AO), **Terry Swanson** and **Mary Fischer** (DMORT V and DMORT National Newsletter Editors), **Alan Anson** (DMORT VI), **Dane Johnson** (DMORT VII Webmaster) and **Dr. John Gover** (pending applicant).

Saturday was a busy day with team registration, submission of their RMS/GovTrip/ITAS profile updates, a little time during the morning registration to browse the DMORT VII store for some new and interesting, must have goodies and of course, lively greetings and conversations.

Commander **Bill Young** hosted the welcome address in his own unique style and greeted all of the veteran and new team members as well as our guests and prospective members.

The rest of the morning consisted of a presentation by DMORT VII’s Administrative Officer, **John Frasco** on the proper use of the JPMC Travel Card, uniform protocol, some musing about the direction of NDMS and DMORT and a discussion about the contents of the CD-ROM provided to each participant with all of the training presentations, the full Federal Travel Regulations, HHS Travel Policy and most every form that the team members may ever need.

Lunch was enjoyed by most participants at the Resort restaurant with a special prime rib sandwich prepared specifically for the team lunch.

Our two Deputy Commanders, the two **Mikes** (Henderson and Phillips) provided a recap of the events at the 2010 DMORT National Training in Knoxville and a briefing on the 2010 ESF 8 Summit in Las Vegas.

Team Commander Bill Young and Deputy Team Commanders Mike Henderson and Mike Phillips presented the 2009 Distinguished Member of the Year Award to Deputy Administrative Officer **Nadine McNeal** for her years of dedicated service to DMORT VII and NDMS. Nadine was unable to attend the 2010 ESF 8 Summit in Las Vegas to receive her award due to a schedule conflict.

**Melissa Connor** (DMORT VII Forensic Anthropologist) offered her observations from her deployment to the Haiti Earthquake response. This was an interesting and informative program that was well-received by all.

Next on the agenda was **Darrel Wilkins**’ very unique ‘slide show’ about the DMORT year in review. It is almost impossible to explain the nuances of Darrel’s presentation but needless to say, it was quite entertaining and very creative.

DMORT VII Forensic Dentist and FACT adjunct, **Ken Hermsen** provided the audience with an in-depth look at the operation of the Family Assistance Center and brought a new understanding of what the FAC does (and doesn’t) do.
Pending Applicant and team Webmaster Dane Johnson provided an update and instructions on navigating the DMORT VII web site with a live, on-line presentation. This information helped the participants understand the power of this valuable tool for answering questions and finding resources.

Also, a live demonstration was offered for the procedures necessary to login to the Responder e-Learn website, how to successfully complete the courses, download the certificates and the procedures for logging completion of the courses with our team A/O. DMORT VII is currently at an 83% completion for the NC1000 series and 81% for the NC2000. Participants were also made aware of the recent release of the NC2010 and NC2050 courses.

The day concluded with a team photo on the deck overlooking the lake. Dinner at a local establishment was followed by friendly conversation into the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday concluded the team training with a remarkable presentation by CDR Dana Hall, one of the Region 7 Emergency Coordinators. CDR Hall offered an in-depth look at the mortuary mission at the Haiti Earthquake response and the role of NDMS in International disaster response.

Bill Young closed the training with the distribution of the Training Certificates and expressed his appreciation for the hard work and diligent efforts of John Filippi, John Frasco and Nadine McNeal as well as the participation of the team members and guests. The spirit of DMORT 7 lives on…

2010 Region VII team photo
Nadine S. McNeal was chosen as **DMORT Region VII’s Distinguished Member of 2009**. Nadine is DMORT VII’s Deputy Administrative Officer who will soon be responsible for New Member applications, job change requests and personal information changes.

Nadine received her Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in Elementary Education (K-6) with an Endorsement in Special Education/Mental Disabilities and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in Multi-Categorical Resource Teaching. She maintains allegiance to both the Cyclones and the Hawks.

Nadine is a Tissue Recovery Coordinator for the Iowa Donor Network. She is also a volunteer driver with the Benton/Linn County Ambulance Service, as well as a volunteer member of the Shellsburg (IA) First Responders.

She is actively involved with the Special Olympics at the state and national level and was a USA Bowling coach for the International Special Olympics 2003 Summer Games.

Nadine holds the distinction as the first woman scorekeeper for the Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament, a distinction she received in 1997.

She has been a member of DMORT Region VII since October 2005 and was promoted to the Deputy Administrative Officer position in 2008.

Nadine is an avid, marathon-class runner, and is often seen running several miles during trainings and deployments. She holds the honor of being the only person at the St. Gabriel Base of Operation during the Hurricane Katrina/Rita response to be denied the ability to do her running exercise off of the base by Blackwater Security. “Missy, you will have to do all that runnin where we can see you!”

Nadine and her husband Scott reside in Shellsburg, Iowa.

Congratulations Nadine!
LANCE DARRELL GRAHAM
February 9, 1960 – June 21, 2010

Lance Graham, a long time member of DMORT Region VIII, passed away on June 21, 2010, after a short battle with cancer at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. After 20 years of service, Lance retired from the Mt. Pleasant Police Department in February, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Graham, along with six children and six grandchildren. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the entire Graham family.

EDWIN (TED) R. WOOLLEY JR.

Ted Woolley is a new member to the DMORT Region VIII team, residing in Bountiful, Utah. As an Emergency Planning Analyst, he has extensive training and works for the Utah Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security in Salt Lake City. He is the NIMS and NIMSCAST point of contact for the State of Utah and has served as an instructor for all of the NIMS required courses. Ted served as the Logistics Section Chief for Hurricane Katrina refugees at Camp Williams in 2005 and he currently serves as the EOC Safety Officer when the State EOC is activated. We look forward to working with Ted on future deployments!
Another new member to the Region VIII team is Jill Haslam, of Holladay, Utah. She is currently a part-time Medico-legal Death Investigator for the Utah State Medical Examiner’s Office. She will work on our team as a Medical Investigator. Jill has a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science, with a concentration in Advanced Investigation, and she also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology. We welcome Jill to the Region VIII family and look forward to working with her!

Gary Freedman has recently joined the DMORT VIII Team as a Medical-Legal Investigator. He works as a Deputy Coroner in San Miguel County, Telluride, Colorado, and is a Lieutenant with the Telluride Volunteer Fire Department. He earned a Master’s Degree from Tulane University in Business Administration. He is Haz-Mat Awareness trained and is a member of the Colorado Coroner’s Association. Please welcome Gary to the team. We look forward to working with him also!
REGION IX NEWS

DMORT IX welcomes the following new members:

DAN FREDRICH

Dan Fredrich is a Medical Investigator from Yucaipa, California. The first half of his career was with the Whittier Police Department, working patrol and motorcycle traffic enforcement. He then became a detective, investigating armed robberies and homicides. The last 17 years of his career were with the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office as an investigator and supervisor, working gang crimes, homicides, fraud, political corruption, and child stealing. In 2006, he retired after 30 years in law enforcement, but he then worked a few years at Forest Home Christian Conference Center in the San Bernardino Mountains. He and his wife, Jill, have a son, a daughter, and two granddaughters. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, working around the yard, and doing construction projects.

CRAIG NELSON

Dr. Craig Nelson joins Region IX as a pathologist. He is originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he attended college at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He spent a few years teaching underwater body recovery and water rescue in the Catskills of New York. His pathology residency was completed at the University of Arizona in Tucson, followed by a forensic pathology fellowship at the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office, where he stayed on as a Deputy Medical Examiner. Outside of pathology, his interests include scuba diving, surfing, weightlifting, working out, snowboarding, reading, and enjoying all that San Diego has to offer.

CHRISTINA SCHMUNK

Christina Schmunk, an Administrative Assistant, works full-time for the Department of Defense’s Defense Manpower Data Center in Monterey, California. There, she is the file manager of the 1.4 million Reserve and Guard members’ personnel data of our Uniformed Services. She is a graduate of California State University Monterey Bay in both Marine Sciences and Mathematics, and is currently completing her Master’s Degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in Operations Research. She also keeps busy with the local community, volunteering at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Special Olympics of Northern California, and CSU Monterey Bay Alumni Association Board. Outside of work, she enjoys walking on the beach with her miniature poodle and seeing the underwater world of Monterey Bay by scuba diving. Her father, Greg Schmunk, is a pathologist in DMORT Region VII.
Condolences

DMORT personnel across the nation offer their sincere condolences to the family of **Dr. Tony Manoukian**, who passed away February 6, 2011, after a battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Tony was a valuable member of DMORT-IX and the entire DMORT family. Besides being a Medical Officer (Pathologist), he served as one of the Deputy Commanders of the DMORT-IX team. He participated in deployments in response to Hurricane Katrina/Rita (2005), the Samoa tsunami (2009) and the earthquake in Haiti (2010).

“Dr. Tony” was a kind, caring professional, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Akua ho'omaika'i oe Tony.


**DMORT members provide crucial expertise to NamUs program**

Nationwide, there are an estimated 100,000 active missing persons cases and more than 40,000 sets of unidentified human remains. Experts have dubbed this vast number of unidentified or missing persons the nation’s “Silent Mass Disaster”. Although not caused by a single event or force of nature, this is a disaster in terms of the scores of lives impacted, the strain placed on law enforcement and the growing number of cases.

Just as DMORT members mobilize to help in the event of a mass casualty event, many DMORT members also provide forensic expertise to **The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)** to help find the missing and identify the unknown.

Operated by the **National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC)** under a Cooperative Agreement with the **National Institute of Justice**, NamUs is a clearinghouse for missing persons and unidentified decedent records. This free online system can be searched by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the general public to solve these cases.
Currently, there are nearly 5,500 missing persons cases and more than 7,200 unidentified persons cases in the system; and it has been credited with 19 case resolutions to date.

The Unidentified Persons Database contains information entered by medical examiners and coroners. The Missing Persons Database contains information about missing persons that can be entered by anyone and is verified by NamUs staff with law enforcement before publishing as a new case. Anyone can search these databases using characteristics such as sex, race, distinct body features and even dental information.

To help narrow the search, when a new missing or unidentified persons case is entered into NamUs, the system automatically performs cross-matching comparisons between the databases, searching for matches or similarities between cases.

NamUs also provides users with free DNA testing through the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI) and other forensic services, including anthropology and odontology assistance. NamUs partnerships include the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the FBI’s Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP).

Individuals assisting with the NamUs program come from all levels of law enforcement, the forensic science community, the justice community, and the general public. Many members of DMORT are currently involved with NamUs and their contributions are invaluable. Volunteers from nearly every forensic discipline including DNA analysts; forensic odontologists, pathologists, and anthropologists; medicolegal death investigators; medical examiners and coroners actively support the program.

To get involved with NamUs, visit the Volunteer Information page at http://www.namus.gov/volunteer.htm.

For more information on the NamUs program or to register with NamUs, visit www.namus.gov

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**Wreaths Across America**

*Mary Fischer (Region V)*

This past December, **Terry Swanson** (Region V), **Mary Fischer** (Region V), **Vinny Iocovozzi** (Region II), **Mike Flynn** (Region I), and **Gerianne Kenny** (Region II) joined the Maine Funeral Directors’ Association (MFDA) for the 19th Annual “Wreaths Across America” wreath laying ceremony in Arlington, Virginia, where 24,000 wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
On Saturday, December 11th, approximately 4000 volunteers from across the country, met at the cemetery, where 4 semi-trailers brought the wreaths from Maine. **Morrill Worcester** (owner of the Worcester Wreath Company) is the man who brought this great idea to Arlington. He and his wife stood before the large crowd and reminded us of the reasons for the wreath-laying ceremony. It was a beautifully sunny and chilly day, but those who placed the wreaths on the graves were warmed by the knowledge of the sacrifices made by the people buried there.

The MFDA had arranged a tour for the few days we were there which included: a tour of the Capitol Visitors’ Center; an afternoon at the Newseum (a fairly new museum in D.C.); a tour of Arlington National Cemetery; the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns; a personalized tour of Washington D.C.; an evening at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where we were entertained by Marvin Hamlish and the National Symphony Orchestra Pops Series; a tour of Joseph Gawler’s Funeral Home; and the 33rd annual Festival of Lights at the Washington D.C. Temple of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon Temple). Our weekend ended with a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In December 2011, the Worcester Wreath Company has been approved to lay wreaths at **EVERY** grave in the cemetery, which will be approximately 340,000 wreaths. They do not want to leave one single veteran left out. Since this will be such a huge undertaking, we will need many more volunteers to help with this venture. All are invited to help to lay wreaths on December 10, 2011. If you are interested in joining the MFDA with their tour, please contact:

**Sally Belanger**  
207-729-9100  
If you prefer to go on your own and not join the tour group, hopefully we’ll see you there.

*Mike Flynn, Gerianne Kenny, Terry Swanson, Mary Fischer, Matthew Iocovozzi and Vinny Iocovozzi*
2011 Integrated Training Summit will take place May 1-5 in Grapevine, Texas

About the Training Summit:

The 2011 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This training summit brings together HHS partners including the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC), the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), and the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD). The Integrated Training Summit is co-sponsored by the Chesapeake Health Education Program, Inc.

This forum permits coordination, collaboration and interaction amongst the target audience - the leaders and members of these preparedness and response partner organizations. The Integrated Training Summit will enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of participants, which in turn will improve their capability to deliver public health and medical care services during disasters of any origin. Expert faculty will present on key focus areas; Healthcare Systems & Clinical Care Services, Leadership, Public Health, Resource Management & Patient Movement, and Response Integration. Networking with these expert faculty members and fellow participants, many of whom are the nation's leaders in the area of public health emergencies, will provide insight into the latest information available in the area of emergency response and coordination.

Strategic Direction:

The vision for the 2011 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit is to have a robust, well-trained and integrated pool of public health and medical responders who understand their roles and missions in times of need, as well as those of their response partners, in order to best serve our communities, States, Tribes, and the Nation.

The Integrated Training Summit will achieve this vision by convening a forum for conducting training, discussing issues, sharing information, and networking amongst the constituent groups of various national-level organizations involved in preparing for and responding to public health and medical emergency events. Some specific strategies for 2011 include:

Reinforce the relationships between the public health and response partner organizations

Focus on all-hazards approaches

Enable facilitated, interactive learning opportunities

Check the website for updated information: http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/
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