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Mount Vernon Invites Purple Heart Recipients & Public to Celebrate Purple Heart Day

Washington, DC -- Mount Vernon will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on National Purple Heart Day, Monday, August 7, 2017. Your ticket will include access to the historic area, George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill, and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum & education Center. It will also include a Mansion tour at the specified time on the ticket.

It is recommended that you plan to arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your Mansion tour time. You will be prompted to choose your Mansion tour time when you reserve your ticket.



The Purple Heart Trail begins at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Purple Heart Day Ceremony:

Join the audience for Mount Vernon's official National Purple Heart Day Ceremony on the East Lawn at 10:30 a.m., featuring remarks by General Washington and Medal of Honor recipient Captain Florent Groberg of the United States Army.

Sunday, August 6th, 2017—Private Evening Tour

- On Sunday, AUG 6th Mount Vernon is pleased to welcome Purple Heart Recipients & their families to a special Private Evening Tour of the Mansion with Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Washington Tomb at 6 pm. All attendees will meet at the Purple Heart Monument at 6 p.m., conduct the wreath laying ceremony, then begin the tour.



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- Mansion tour includes the first, second and third floors of George Washington's beloved home. Guided tour will take approximately 1 hour. Please note the 1st floor of the Mansion is accessible by most wheel chairs. The 2nd & 3rd by stairs.
- ALL guests must RSVP to attend, and attendance is on a first come, first served basis until the event reaches capacity. Contact Mount Vernon's Office of Events & Protocol at events@mountvernon.org to RSVP.

Monday, August 7th, 2017—Purple Heart Day Reception

- On Monday, August 7, 2017 (National Purple Heart Day), Mount Vernon is pleased to invite Purple Heart recipients and their families to a reception at the Mount Vernon Inn restaurant at 1 p.m.
- All guests must RSVP in order to attend, and attendance is on a first come, first served basis until the event reaches capacity.
- To RSVP, please contact Gordon Sumner, Chapter 353, Military Order of the Purple Heart, at gordon.sumner53@gmail.com no later than **July 31, 2017**.

The “[Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. Inc.](#),” (MOPH) was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all combat wounded veterans and active duty men and women who have received the decoration. Chartered by the Congress, The MOPH is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America’s military history. Most importantly, through veteran service, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. Programs of the MOPH include VA Volunteer Service, JROTC Leadership Awards, Scholarships, Americanism, Purple Heart Trail and Cities, Welfare, and numerous community service programs, all with the objective of service to Veterans and their families.

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