



The Purple Heart



Badge of Military Merit 1782 ~ Purple Heart Medal 1932



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Patriots, 6 months have gone by quickly and the next 6 months will be gone in a flash. We are in the time when Chapter elections are going on and then Department Elections/Conventions are in April and May. While doing this many Chapters and Departments are making a presentation at Schools for Leadership Awards and still having time to support their community and help out with the veteran's needs in their community.

I am glad that we are still showing that the MOPH is still out there. When you do some of the functions in your community please get us some pictures and describe what you are doing and list the names of patriots in the pictures so we can update our Gallery on the Website.

I also want to say thank you for having some patience as we work to make things easier to Input reports and getting the orders that you have requested. We are updating the MOPH website and will not be making changes on how it operates but mostly with newer pictures and events. We need to keep up with the times and pass on the information we have to the next leadership so they will have great success in moving the Order forward!!

Since 1932 when The Order of the Purple Heart of United States of America was started we have gone through several changes in how we operate even a name change to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. We are constantly working to improve ourselves even the First Article of incorporations stated the business and objects of said corporation is a National Order is to revere the memory and extol the military achievement of General George Washington, founder of the Purple Heart: to promote patriotism for mutual improvement and for benevolent purpose. And we had a list of 13 Directors (which came from the original states) now

we know this as the NEC. How time has changed how we operate.

We now had time to work on our Mission Statement: Military Order of the Purple Heart Foster environment of Camaraderie among Combat Wounded Veterans in order to promote Patriotism, and serve the veterans and our Communities.

We share the mission statement through our vision of promoting patriotism through our Americanism Program and Purple Heart trail, we also serve our veterans through our programs of Legislative, Suicide Awareness, Homeless Veterans Assistance,

Disaster Relief, Veterans Advocacy, Women Veterans Issues, Scholarships, Medals Recovery, and Software Developer Training.

And we serve our Communities through our programs of Scholarships, Youth Programs, CDCE (formerly VAVS), Disaster relief, and support to Gold Star Families. And not to be forgotten the one who helps supports all programs from the Order, and our Communities is our Chaplain.

The Chaplain will always be in support of what we do and give us the spiritual lift we need. And let us not forget the MOPH Auxiliary who has been there in every step with us always asking what they can do to support us.

Having an understanding of our Mission statement and how we support the statement is a must for all who are in the order.

Next, we as a team need to figure out how to fund our programs to support our Mission Statement. We are open to new ideas that be able to support the program and make the impact that we need to support the Order. Thank you for all you do!! ❤️

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JOB 6: 1 – 13

In the United States of America, more than 30,000 people take their own lives every year. Three-quarters of a million make an attempt annually. The Annual Report on Suicide in the Military for 2021 shows a decrease in the suicide rate for active duty service members. Fewer service members died by suicide in 2021 than in 2020, 519 – 582. The suicide rate among active-duty troops decreased from 28.7 per 100,000 in 2020 to 24.3 per 100,000 in 2021, a 15% decrease. Thanks to Almighty GOD! All of these numbers represent a person, a family member, and a community that has been forever changed! Every death by suicide is a tragedy that affects all of us! Suicide is NOT the best process!

The death of hope is the death of people. Praying to die may look hopeful in some sense, but it, too, is the abandonment of hope in this life, albeit dressed up as a kind of virtue. Job's prayer for death is certainly understandable. Eliphaz exposes Job's self-pity (Job 4 – 5). Job hits back with a defensive wail that his friend does not feel his pain. Of course, he does not feel his pain! But, Job continues his defensive self-justification and cannot relieve his pain. He agrees his words have been "rash," but he considers his agonies entitle him to lash out.

He even lashes out at GOD by complaining, "the terrors of GOD are arrayed against me" (vv. 3 – 4). He seems to think his anger will somehow satisfactorily fill the void of his helplessness (vv. 5 – 7), but experience teaches that it never solves the problem!

Finally, he prayed "that it would please GOD to crush me, that He would lose His hand and cut me off!" (vv. 8 – 9). Literally, this is quite the prayer request to end all prayer requests. Matthew Henry commented, "It is as ill said as almost anything we meet with in this discourse," "and is recorded for our ADMONITION, not our IMITATION!"

Job's arguments have crossed many a mind when life has seemed overwhelmed by tragedy. Job is NO SUICIDE – he

just wishes GOD would take him. He offers a pious reason – he will still trust GOD – and says, "Then I would still have comfort" (v. 10). Job imagines he can trust GOD for the life to come when he does not trust him for his present life. He thinks he can please GOD with his death wish.

This unbelieving despair is masquerading as godliness. Which of us has not given up in the face of some challenge? What strength do I have that I should hope for? But coming to the end of our strength, which is bound to happen to us many times, is not a ground for giving up, but for trusting the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil.4:13). Faith looks past the senses and limitations of the flesh. Personally, as a Combat Wounded Vietnam Veteran and being in harm's way many times, I have chosen to live until GOD is finished with me!

So what is the answer to Job's deadly prayer? Perhaps the first thing to do is to think good thoughts of GOD. In Psalms 130, David cries out to GOD "from the depths." But he doesn't stay there because he looks away from himself to the character of GOD: "But there is forgiveness with YOU that YOU may be feared" (v. 4). In our repentance, we must never forget the blessings of the Lord and our unworthiness to receive them!

LORD, I am genuinely grateful that YOU have rescued me from the kingdom of darkness and have transferred me into the kingdom of light. Thank YOU for the sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST – His death, burial, and resurrection. Thank YOU that I belong to YOU. Help me to listen to YOU and YOUR wisdom as I make decisions in the light of YOUR WORD!

Together we will "GIT'er Done" for HIS Sake! ♥

Yours In Patriotism;

Dr. Carlton L. Cannon, Sr

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Your Chapter and Department activities are why we exist at *The Purple Heart Magazine* (TPHM) Nat'l Publications Committee.

The Chair acknowledges a point of personal privilege; -congratulations to Patriot Nick McIntosh who this Month marks his 50th year in the Order. If I am not mistaken he's worn a 'White' hat for 37 of those 50 years. "OORAH!"

Patriot submissions are increasing and the detail of information is steadily better.

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Please observe the deadlines highlighted in each Magazine edition (Note: Deadlines are the 15th day of every 'Even' Month).

Forecasting the next edition is a gentle reminder for 'Office' candidates to begin preparation of the Office you seek and your 'BIOS' for inclusion in the MAY/JUN digital edition of the Magazine.

As ever, let us serve... ♥

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We need your material to produce an engaging and informative magazine.

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PASSING The POST-911 GI BILL

FORMER SENATOR & MARINE JIM WEBB

Once America's military began operations in retaliation for the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon it became commonplace for political leaders and media commentators to proclaim that these men and women were our country's truest heroes. An earlier war came to mind. Our hallowed World War Two veterans had come to be known as the best of the best – the iconic leaders of what came to be called The Greatest Generation. To hear America's opinion makers talk in those early, fearful days, those who were unhesitatingly heading into the unknown of a war on foreign soil would soon be labeled as The New Greatest Generation.

From the very first time I heard this comment, a thought nagged at my memory and would not leave my mind. By the time I decided to run for the Senate in 2006 I had grown up in the military, served as a Marine rifle platoon and company commander in Vietnam, worked for four years as a full committee counsel to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs after finishing law school, written extensively for many years about military and veterans issues, covered our Marines in Beirut as a journalist in 1983 and as an embed in Afghanistan in 2004, and served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy in the Reagan Administration.

A few lines from an old poem always brought a sardonic smile when politicians and opinion makers praised our military God and the soldier we adore / in times of danger, not before / When danger's done and wrong things righted / God is forgotten, the soldier slighted." What would the media folks be saying about our veterans when this crisis ended, and

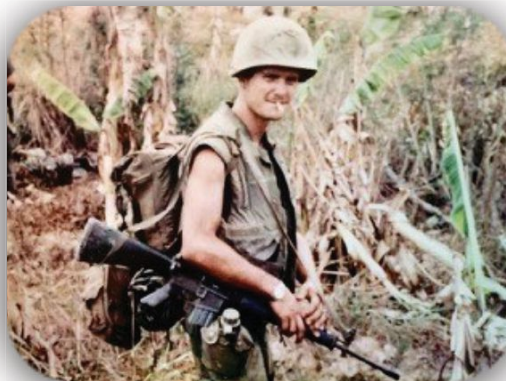
how would our veterans then be treated by the political leadership?

Words were words, but acts were acts. What act by our government leaders could be the most appropriate gesture that would put meaning into easy-to-say and easy-to-forget rhetoric?

Well before I decided to run for the United States Senate I began speaking about what that gesture should be. If those who served after 9/11 were going to be honored as the New Greatest Generation, then they should be rewarded with the same GI Bill benefits that the veterans from The Greatest Generation received.

During my four years (1977 – 1981) as minority counsel to the House Veterans Committee I worked alongside several World War Two veterans and learned the history and the details of the World War Two GI Bill. That GI Bill covered the cost of a veteran's tuition, paid for their books and fees, and provided a livable subsistence allowance. This was not wasted money. The first GI Bill in American history included every demographic and income level in the country, and opened up professional opportunities that had never before even been considered. And for every tax dollar spent on the World War Two GI Bill, eight dollars were returned in tax remunerations due to the opportunities for a successful life.

By comparison, the Vietnam Era GI Bill was a paltry disappointment. No tuition was paid for. No books were bought, or fees paid. No subsistence allowance was included. Early in the war the Johnson Administration, while focused on its Great Society efforts, paid Vietnam veterans a flat benefit of fifty



Jim Webb, Go Noi Island, Vietnam 1969

Post-911 GI Bill

dollars a month. Over the years the stipend finally peaked at 340 dollars a month, to cover all tuition, fees and living expenses.

I and my fellow Vietnam veterans felt strongly that this new generation of war veterans deserved more than our peers had received for risking their lives and spending years in faraway places. They deserved a GI Bill that would fully empower as full a future as their talents might take them. They deserved the type of GI Bill that enabled so many successes among their World War Two predecessors.

I personally wrote the Post-911 GI Bill in November 2006 with the technical and formatting assistance of Senate legislative counsel, immediately after I had won election to the Senate and two months before being sworn in as a Senator in January 2007. I introduced the legislation on the first day I was formally in office, with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's strong endorsement. It's designation as "Senate Bill S.22" was an indication of its high priority, since the leadership of each party was granted ten bills already adopted by their caucuses to open the legislative session.

Designed as a "ramped up" mirror of the World War GI Bill, S.22 quickly gained numerous co-sponsors, although to my surprise it was opposed by the George W. Bush Administration, including the Defense Department, on the grounds that it would affect retention, since its benefits were so generous that it would encourage military members to leave the military. As a long-time manpower analyst in the Congress and in the Pentagon I found this opposition totally unfounded, knowing that such a program would encourage enlistments if the military leadership would understand how to present it to America's young people. Later polling validated this prediction, with 25 percent of military enlistees

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Given the not-so-recent paralysis of our congressional process and the opposition of a sitting Presidential administration, it struck many political observers that a freshman Senator with one day's service would introduce and hope to pass the most far-reaching and important piece of veterans legislation since World War Two. But as a full committee counsel in the House for four years and

during an additional four years as an Assistant Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy in the Reagan Administration I had already learned a great deal about how the legislative process works.

After I introduced the new GI Bill I immediately worked hard with all of the major veterans groups, explaining the Bill's provisions and seeking their support, and quickly gaining many advocates, from

both the major traditional veterans organizations and the more recent organizations that had grown from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the Senate itself I put together a four-Senator bipartisan and "bi-war era"

leadership team from my early co-sponsors, emphasizing that this was not an issue to be politicized but rather a serious and important benefit to be guaranteed for those who had served our country during unpredictable and dangerous times. Our team consisted of two Republicans and two Democrats, two of whom were World War Two veterans and two who were combat veterans of Vietnam. Among the Republicans, this included Senator John Warner, a World War Two and Korean War veteran, and Chuck Hagel, a Purple Heart recipient as an Army soldier in Vietnam. Among Democrats, World War Two veteran Frank Lautenberg joined me.

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With the Bush Administration and several Republican loyalists in the Senate opposing the legislation, passage was not guaranteed. During Congressional hearings and in formal requests for specific information from my Senate office the Administration's cooperation was sadly lacking. Pentagon officials often provided dilatory answers based on easily computed questions about such matters as attrition during the term of one's enlistment, a separate category than eventual retention, which measures the percentage of those who reenlist after completing a full term. From my long experience in manpower issues, this was clear evidence of either deliberate non-cooperation or less than competent expertise.

In one case it took almost a year for my office to be sent accurate statistics on first-term attrition in the enlisted ranks of our military, which even thirty years earlier when I was a committee counsel would have taken less than a week. The eventual results were glaringly revealing.

At a time when the Pentagon was boasting extremely high reenlistment rates (retention) at the end of enlistments, when attrition numbers were included, approximately three-quarters of Marine enlistees, two-thirds of Army, and a majority of those in the Navy and Air Force were leaving the service either during their enlistment periods or by declining to re-enlist once a term was completed. These numbers strongly argued in favor of the Post-911 GI Bill, since those who were not making a career out of military service were the very reason the GI Bill was first created at the end of World War Two. These were our next generation of Citizen Soldiers, people who had shown up during a war and then were returning to civilian life. There could be no greater

thanks from our country than to give them the best chance to readjust and to succeed.

Also during many hearings, Veterans Administration witnesses complained that the legislation was too complex and that they lacked the computer expertise to figure out how to provide benefits to different veterans going to different schools in different regions of the country. My oft-repeated response was that their post-World War Two predecessors in the VA were able to master that situation on the back of a yellow legal pad with a blue-tipped pencil.

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These obstacles were overcome by patient explanation, persistent pressure, the eventual overwhelming support of the need for the legislation, and the logic of the Bill's approach. Despite opposition and resistance, in an era of a sharply divided

Congress, the POST-911 GI Bill was passed in a remarkably short period of only 16 months, by an initial vote in the Senate of 75 to 22, and an overwhelming final face saving vote of 92 to 6, along with a House vote of 409 to 2.

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And today, few things make me as proud of the time I spent in the United States Senate as when a veteran writes me a note or stops me in a restaurant or at an airport and tells me his or her story about how the POST-911 GI Bill has made such a dramatic difference in their life. ♥

A Veteran Who Used Post-911 GI Bill BSN With Zero Debt & Zero Loans By Nicholas McIntosh USN Corpsman

Back in 2006, I was fired from a retail job that I had enjoyed for the most part. I was a store manager for EB Games, which had unfortunately been bought out by its competitor, Gamestop. I was fired for an infraction of a brand-new rule. As a very successful store manager, I thought that I'd be able to get a new job fairly quickly. Boy, was I wrong?

My girlfriend at the time was an RN. After struggling with a job search for several months, I asked myself what I wanted for a job. I made a short list:

1. Easy to get hired on.
2. Easy to either leave or move sideways if I didn't like where I was.
3. Get paid well.

I had always done well in science courses, to the point that people cheated off my work, and teachers were even challenged by my ability. So I decided to give nursing a try.

I applied to my local community college for nursing prerequisites. Up first: biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology. My class load was one subject at a time, since that was all I could afford. About the same time, I found a full-time job to pay my bills.

So I started my courses, one at a time. "A" in biology, "A" in chemistry, and "As" in AP classes. I was annihilating them. There was a problem, though. I was taking AP classes while working full-time. My work schedule was 8 PM until 4 AM and then attending 4 hours of class in the morning. It was exhausting. I realized it wasn't going to work, not full time at least.

Once again, I began asking questions of myself. The biggest one was, "*How can I pay for college without having to work?*" The military was the

first thing that came to mind. Specifically the Montgomery GI Bill.

Many things happened while I was in the US Navy that threatened to jeopardize my chance to take advantage of the GI Bill. At about this same time, Senator Webb introduced the POST-911 GI Bill. After reading through a draft of the bill, something caught my attention. For the Montgomery GI Bill, a service member had to have received an "Honorable" discharge. In the POST-911 GI Bill, a member has to be "Honorably" discharged. One letter difference meant the world to me.s

During my discharge process, Senator Jim Webb got the bill passed. I was excited about the future. I applied for the POST-911 benefits so I could immediately start going to school for nursing. The VA approved my claim. Now I just needed to apply to a school. .

My application was accepted by West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. I was told to talk to the veteran's representative. After fifteen minutes, I was told that everything was set. The school would be paid for without any more involvement from myself. Room and board were handled with a monthly check that made it easy to budget. And even my nursing textbooks were paid for. I did not have to get a job and could focus on studying and passing my courses without worrying about going into debt.

Several of my classmates either dropped out or failed the nursing program because of how brutal the classes and the subject matter were. Others dropped out because they could not afford to continue paying for everything. Meanwhile, I graduated in 2016 with a Bachelors Degree in Nursing with precisely zero debt and zero loans. ♥



The MOPH Fund Inc. is the official fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Our sole purpose is to raise funds for programs executed by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Our goal is to help ensure their programs receive support so more Purple Heart recipients and their families can be provided the assistance.

MOPH Fund Update February 2023

Larry Leighton, Fund Treasurer

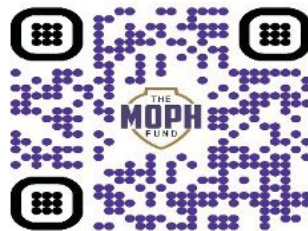
Approved at the 2021 Convention, MOPH Fund Inc. (the “Fund”) was organized as a not-for-profit, public charity under IRS rules for 501.c.3 organizations effective August 21, 2021.

It is the official fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (the “Order”). In its first full year (2021), the Fund raised over \$36,000.

Region II Commander

Anderson negotiated a \$15k donation from ActiVision in exchange for interviews about the Order’s programs with Junior Vice Commander Olivarez and Patriot David Flute.

National Command Chief of Staff Del Gaudio, working with one of the law firms he deals with regularly, obtained a \$10k donation. The Pittsburgh Steelers donated \$5k.



Several individual Patriots made donations, including a \$1k donation from his mandatory 401k withdrawal.

The Fund gave 12 refurbished computers to the Order to replace older computers used by the headquarters staff and to distribute to Departments or Chapters as appropriate.

Fifteen Facebook Portal+ video conferencing devices were also received to be distributed, by the Order, as appropriate.

The Fund is still in its infancy and could use your help. We need people with social media skills, marketing experience, and fundraising.

If you want to join the team, scan the QR Code below and “Drop Us a Line.”

Donations to MOPH Fund can be made directly on our website (scan the QR code). Get in touch with us and let the team know. 💜

DEADLINE for article submissions

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For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephen A. Martin'.

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Purple Heart Medal Created

When was the Purple Heart established?

The modern Purple Heart award was established on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Its establishment comes from General Order Number 3:

"...By order of the President of the United States, the Purple Heart, established by General George Washington at Newburgh, August 7, 1782, during the War of the Revolution is hereby revived out of respect to his memory and military achievements."

By order of the Secretary of War:

Douglas MacArthur

General, Chief of Staff

The Purple Heart, per regulation is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917 has been wounded, killed, died after being wounded.

How many Purple Heart have been awarded since 1932?

It is estimated that there may be approximately 1.8-2 million. The exact number is unknown as war time issue of the award is made by local authority in the theatre of war and records cannot always be kept under such conditions. Further, the Department of Defense does not maintain a list of recipients for the Purple Heart, or any award for that matter. The only American military decoration for which there is currently a comprehensive list is the Medal of Honor.

How is George Washington related to the Purple Heart?

Although the award called the Purple Heart was established in 1932, its lineage goes back to the last year of the American Revolution. By 1782, Congress had forbidden General Washington from granting commissions to men as a reward for merit. Washington however, felt strongly that the enlisted soldier needed to be recognized for his service. On August 7, 1782 from his Newburgh headquarters, Washington created the Badge of Military Merit:

"...The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward. Before this favour can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office. Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinals which officers are permitted to do."

The award was open only to soldiers and non-commissioned officers (e.g. Privates, Corporals & Sergeants). This was an extraordinary award for its time, as only officers would receive recognition for their merit. To put this in proper perspective, court-

martial records from the New Windsor Cantonment show that the standard punishment for a soldier was 100 lashes. So the distinction of passing the guard as could an officer, was indeed a special privilege.

Who received the Badge of Military Merit?

Three soldiers are known to have received the Badge of Military Merit. They are:

Sergeant Elijah Churchill, 2nd Continental (Sheldon's) Dragoons

Sergeant William Brown 5th Connecticut, Continental Line (Infantry)

Sergeant Daniel Bissel, 2nd Connecticut, Continental Line (Infantry)

Sergeants Churchill and Brown were conferred their Badges on May 3, 1783, at Headquarters in Newburgh. On June 10th of that year, Sergeant Daniel Bissel received his Badge of Merit at Headquarters.

Where were the sergeants stationed?

The regiments of sergeants Brown and Bissel were at West Point The Dragoons (Sergeant Churchill's regiment) were near Danbury CT.

Why did the Purple Heart get "revived"?

The Badge of Military Merit disappeared at the end of the Revolution. No award for merit existed until the 20th Century. It was not until 1918 that any thought of reviving an award for merit. During World War I, General John "Blackjack" Pershing suggested the need for a new award for acts

of merit. It was not until 1932 that the Purple Heart was created, as noted above.

How has the Purple Heart changed over the years?

The Purple Heart has undergone many changes with respect to the criteria for its award. At first, the Purple Heart was exclusively awarded to Army and Army Air Force personnel and could not be awarded posthumously to the next of kin. From 1932-1942, only living veterans could make applications to receive a Purple Heart. As a result of this provision, there were a number of Civil War veterans alive in the 1930s who applied for and received Purple Hearts.

December 3, 1942

President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order allowing the Navy to award the Purple Heart to Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel. Also in that year, the Purple Heart was made available for posthumous award to any member of the military killed on or after December 6, 1941.

Originally the Purple Heart was awarded for meritorious service. Being wounded was considered to be one of the criteria for merit. With the creation of the Legion of Merit in 1942, the award of the Purple Heart for meritorious service became unnecessary and was therefore discontinued.

November 12, 1952:

President Truman extends eligibility of the Purple Heart to Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard Personnel back to April 5, 1917, consistent with the eligibility for the Army. (i.e. to the next of kin), upon application

The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit...

Badge of Military Merit Origins

1962

By Executive order by President Kennedy a number of revisions were made regarding the award:

World War I KIA eligibility: Surviving spouses or children of World War I veterans could apply for the award for those who had either died in service during the War, or who had subsequently passed away. (Clarified to include Coast Guard when under the treasury Dept) and includes the Army

World War II POWs: The revision allowed consideration of the Purple Heart for those wounded during capture, or during captivity. It allowed this consideration beginning with those captured during the Second World War and included this provision for all wars past that time. (it was based upon interpretation of the language, not a specific statement)

Civilian Purple Heart Awards: from 1962-1998 (when the change was revoked), a civilian, under competent authority of the military could be considered for a Purple Heart if killed or wounded by enemy action.

1984

President Reagan's executive order further expanded eligibility to include acts of terrorism directed at military personnel. It was made retroactive to 1973. This was prompted by the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut (October 23, 1983).

1993

Those killed or wounded by friendly fire became eligible provide that the injury was not directed at the individual being recognized. For example, a forward artillery spotter is calling in the locations for the artillery. If a shell falls short and injures or kills that person, he or she is eligible for the Purple Heart

1998

The Civilian Purple Heart eligibility is eliminated

2001

After 9/11, the Defense of Freedom medal is created as a civilian "equivalent" to the Purple Heart

2008

Those who die in captivity while Prisoners of War became eligible for the Purple Heart

2011

Eligibility is extended for those suffering concussions (without losing consciousness) when diagnosed & treated by medical professionals.

2015

Eligibility includes domestic terrorism where the agent was influenced by and had contact with a recognized terrorist organization. (Announced 6 February 2015)

What connections does the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor have to the history of the Purple Heart?

On May 28, 1932 136 veterans of World War I were awarded their Purple Hearts at Temple Hill, New Windsor. Temple Hill, is the Hill right up the path from the Hall. That ceremony was organized to draw attention to this site as part of the Bicentennial of George Washington's birth. It was organized to recognize and commemorate the sacrifices of local veterans of the Great War (as World War I was then known) by awarding them their Purple Hearts.

Our presence here is both a commemoration of that 1932 ceremony a continuation of that recognition of sacrifice. Now however, that recognition extends far beyond the local area to include recipients from the entire nation.

GENERAL ORDER FOR 7 AUGUST 1782:

Head Quarters, Newburgh, Wednesday, August 7, 1782.

Honorary Badges of distinction are to be conferred on the veteran Non commissioned officers and soldiers of the army who have served more than three years with bravery, fidelity and good conduct; for this purpose a narrow piece of white cloth of an angular form is to be fixed to the left arm on the uniform Coat. Non commissioned officers and soldiers who

have served with equal reputation more than six years are to be distinguished by two pieces of cloth set in pallel to each other in a simular form; should any who are not entitled to these honors have the insolence to assume the badges of them they shall be severely punished. On the other hand it is expected those gallant men who are

thus designated will on all occasions be treated with particular confidence and consideration.

The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth, or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward. Before this favour can be conferred on any man, the particular fact, or facts, on which it is to be grounded must be set forth to the Commander in chief accompanied with certificates from the Commanding officers of the regiment and brigade to which the Candidate for reward belonged, or other incontestable proofs, and upon granting it, the name and regiment of the person with the action so certified are to be enrolled in the book of merit which will be kept at the orderly office. Men who have merited this last distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinals which officers are permitted to do.

The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all. This order is also to have retrospect to the earliest stages of the war, and to be considered as a permanent one. ♥

The General ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every species of Military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed

Citroën's Clever WWII Sabotage

You're likely unaware that 2019 was the 100th anniversary of Citroën, the French automotive manufacturer.

There is a fascinating bit of wartime Citroën lore. It involves screwing with Nazis in a genuinely clever and subtle way that nevertheless had significant WWII battle field repercussions.

When the Germans occupied France in 1940, major French factories like Citroën were forced to produce equipment for the Nazis. Citroën president Pierre-Jules Boulanger knew he couldn't just refuse to make anything, but he also knew there was no way in hell he would roll over and build trucks for a bunch of filthy Nazis. Pierre had an insidious plan to hurt the German Army.

He instructed workers to set a nice, leisurely pace when building trucks (likely Citroën T45 trucks) for the Wehrmacht, but that's relatively obvious.

What was brilliant was Boulanger's idea to move the little notch on the trucks' oil

dipsticks, indicating the proper oil level down just a bit lower. By moving the notch down, the trucks would not have enough oil, but German mechanics would have no idea because, hey, the little notch on the dipstick says it's just fine.

Then, after the truck has been used for a while and is out deployed somewhere crucial, whammo, the engine seizes up, and you've got a lot of angry, stranded,

vulnerable Nazis balling up their little fists and madly barking curses in German.

It's such a fantastic act of sabotage: it's incredibly cheap to implement, it's

subtle, there's no way

to see something amiss is happening as the trucks are being built, and it delivers its blow away from the site of the sabotage and when it will cause the most inconvenience and trouble.

That's some mighty good sabotaging,
Pierre.

Happy 100th Anniversary, Citroën.

The Free World thanks you.



RETURN TO ALMA MATER

Teaching What Being a Veteran Means

Nick McIntosh National Historian

Stu Coomer, Major US Army ~ Eric Schrader Sergeant USMC

Major Stu Coomer, US Army, and Sergeant Eric Schrader, USMC, were 1964 St. Xavier high school graduates in Louisville, Kentucky. Both went into the Military and served from the late 60s to the early 70s.

Major Coomer's family has a tradition of serving in the Military. His father and uncle were in the Army in Europe. Another uncle was in North Africa. The third uncle served in the US Army Air Corps as a crewman on B-17s.

Coomer has three first cousins who were in the service in the Vietnam era. One was an Army DI at Ft. Knox, Ky. The other two were Marine Infantry Officers in Vietnam, where they both saw a lot of action. One of the Marines has two Purple Hearts and is a long-time member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Sergeant Schrader was wounded in Vietnam and is currently an active member of Chapter 146 Louisville, Kentucky. Schrader's family has a long tradition of Military Service going back to the Revolutionary War.

His brother was in the Army in the 1970s, and his nephew is a career Army Officer. A second cousin served in WWII and Korea.

Coomer and Schrader got together and approached the Principal of St. Xavier High School about doing a Veterans Day ceremony. They both spoke to emphasize what Veterans Day is about. They wanted to share veterans' beliefs in duty to their country and adherence to the doctrines in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

What is often missed in everyday life is the veterans

in our midst. The bonding and camaraderie of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines from everyday experiences can and will last a lifetime. This sharing of daily experiences frequently results in developing an insider's language. The same is true of the brotherhood of St. Xavier graduates.

Every year on November 11th, we, as Americans, have gathered to honor our veterans for more than a century. Our veterans have served in war, peacetime, in the air, on land, and at sea. Some were trigger pullers, and others were in support roles, but it took a team effort to accomplish their missions.

Sixteen million veterans served in World War II. But for World War II veterans' dedication and courage, we would now be speaking German or Japanese. The US has 30% of the world's arable land and many natural resources, yet we only have 45% of the world's population. Many see this as a threat.

Freedom isn't free you gotta pay the price. "Many times, the price paid was the lives of servicemen and women. The sacrifice of blood and the lives of many of our veterans are why we now enjoy constitutional freedoms to gather to honor our veterans."

Every veteran took an oath to protect and defend our country and Constitution. The solemn oath has no exceptions date and veterans in the Constitution tied. The first amendment to the Constitution is one of the Bill of Rights. The bill of rights, adopted in 1791, guarantees civil rights and liberties to all Americans. People in many countries do not have these rights. We are fortunate to live in the United States and have the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. ♥

Veterans Day St. Xavier High School, Louisville, KY



L-R: Amy Sample, Principal, Paul Colistra, President, Stephen Murphy & Cathy Reynolds, coordinators and teachers, Dr. Stu Coomer, & Eric Schrader (MOPH Patriot Chapter 146).

Quyanaa Means Thank You

FAIRBANKS, Alaska - On Friday, Nov. 18, members of the Alaska Native community leadership from Ft. Wainwright put on a potlatch to honor the soldiers stationed in Fairbanks, and the veterans from Alaska, saying "Quyanaa," which means thank you. "The native community is coming out here to pay respect to each and every one of you," said Benno Cleveland, the president of the Alaska Native Veterans Association and a Purple Heart recipient, as he addressed the thousands of soldiers and families that attended the potlatch.

Chris Simon, the chairman of Doyon Limited, explained the potlatch was "just the native way of saying thank you and honoring the men and women in uniform." He also said it was one of the ways Alaska Natives welcomed people.

Salmon, moose soup, and other foods were prepared and shared, and speakers from both the native and military communities shared their stories, advice, and culture.

Cleveland spoke about his time as a soldier during the Vietnam war and remarked on both the good and bad times. However, he focused his message on the



importance of strength in unity. Cleveland said that after the war, many of his fellow veterans distanced themselves from the trauma they endured and "threw away" their uniforms. The need to reunite became apparent as they struggled with their physical, spiritual, and emotional wounds. "Together we are strong," said Cleveland. He also addressed the topic of suicide, a problem that is faced by both the military and the native community. "Anytime we hear about a suicide, that hurts us," said Cleveland. He urged the soldier to "stick together," and "watchout after each other."



Sen. Dan Sullivan also attended and spoke to the soldiers about the relationship between the military and Alaska Natives. While Alaska has more veterans per capita than any other state, "Alaska Natives serve at higher rates in the military than any other ethnic group," said Sullivan. He said that the native community, which makes up 15.7% of the state's population, has "special patriotism," since they have served "at times when their country hasn't always treated them well."

Serving since World War II, Alaska Native commitment to national security was brought up time and time again during the potlatch, but comradery and unity were central during the gathering.

Brian Ridley, the chief and chairman of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, had a father in the Air Force, and Chris Simon has a daughter in the military. Still, during his speech, Ridley turned his attention to all soldiers and veterans. "We need to do a better job taking care of you guys when you get back home," said Ridley as he spoke about the lack of support veterans receive.

The soldiers also had a chance to partake in song and dance as the two communities celebrated their connection. They also reciprocated their gratitude for the native community and gifted the emblem of the 11th Airborne Division to First Traditional Chief, Reverend Trimble Gilbert. ♥

A Highway ~ Canada To End of the Road

Nine hundred miles of highway winds through Interior and Southcentral Alaska, beginning at the border with Canada and ending on the Homer Spit at the "End of the Road."

The Alaska Marine Highway system connects 3,500 miles of coastal Alaska from the Aleutians to the Inside Passage.

Every year, thousands of visitors and residents traverse these highways in cars and on ferries.

Seeing an opportunity, the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) has been working for years to designate Purple Heart cities, boroughs, roads, and bridges across the US to honor and thank veterans who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving our nation.

The MOPH began efforts in Alaska in 2008 with the designation of the highways between Alaska-Canada as the Purple Heart Trail. Nearly 15 years later, my colleagues and I in the Alaska Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 203, a bill that I sponsored that extends Alaska's Purple Heart Trail highway designation.

Once the House passes the bill, the Trail honoring veterans' service will run continuously from the Alaska-Canada border down to the End of the Road in Homer and the entire Alaska Marine Highway System. At approximately 4,500 miles, Alaska's Purple Heart Trail will be the longest in the nation's already-expansive network of trails and will include the first-ever marine highway.

It is a fitting record for the years of dedicated effort and thousands of hours given to the project by the MOPH, Alaska MOPH state and chapter Commanders, and veterans with the support and cooperation of numerous city, borough, and state elected officials and employees.

With more resident veterans per capita than any other state, the Purple Heart Trail serves as a tangible demonstration of Alaska's appreciation for the sacrifices made by our wounded and fallen soldiers. Many of our 65,000 veterans and approximately 21,000 active-duty military members carry the scars that earned them a Purple Heart medal.

Signs on the highway and AMHS ferries will stand as a thank you to veterans and an opportunity for those traveling to or around our great State to begin solemn conversations about the meaning of the Purple Heart and the sacrifices that Purple Heart recipients made. In the words of combat-wounded Army Veteran and Alaska Commander of the MOPH, John Knott III, "Let everyone who drives or rides

the ferry on the Purple Heart Trail think about the risk all veterans willingly take when they serve our country in the military and know that Alaska recognizes and honors the sacrifices made by Purple Heart recipients and their families."

In 2008, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, spearheaded by future National MOPH Commander Ron Siebels, partnered with Sen. Johnny Ellis and the 25th Alaska State Legislature to designate the highway between the Alaska-Canada border and

Fairbanks as the Purple Heart Trail. In subsequent years, cities, boroughs, university campuses, roads, bridges, and even the State of Alaska have been given the Purple Heart designation.

Like his predecessors who established the original Trail, Commander Knott and the Alaska MOPH spent the last three years reaching out to communities along the highway, we propose to designate, gathering letters and resolutions of support from each one. The Purple Heart Trail designation reflects Alaska's heart for our veterans, and the enthusiastic support for the Trail's extension by my colleagues and communities around the State has decisively demonstrated that it is time to make it happen.

It is an honor to partner with the Alaska Military Order of the Purple Heart on this legislation and an even greater honor to serve those who have paved the way for our freedom. Senate Bill 203 unanimously passed the Alaska State Senate on Monday, April 11, 2022. Shortly after on the 17th of April it passed the House of Representatives. It was ceremoniously signed into Alaska Law on 7 AUG 2022, National Purple Heart Day, conducted on August 9, 2022. 💜



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Sunday Funday!

Optional Excursion to New Orleans August 13, 2023

This optional excursion provides the best “The Big Easy” has to offer. This day long Hop-On Hop-Off tour bus excursion includes all of New Orleans’ most important highlights and landmarks. Pick a seat on the open-top or bottom deck of the Hop On-Hop Off bus and listen to your guide’s commentary as you ride through the city.

Visit the attractions or enjoy a few loops on the bus. Round-trip loops are approximately 90 minutes. Hop-On Hop-Off busses arrive at each scheduled tour-stop every 30 minutes. The tour-stops include major attractions including the National WWII Museum, The Aquarium of the Americas, Jackson Square, the French Market, and many of the best restaurants and bars in the city.

“Come hungry, leave happy” during the excursion. Hundreds of restaurants will be participating in Coolinary Month in August. Discounted food and cocktails will be announced in June. Plans for breakfast group dining will be made soon.

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Bus leaves Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza at 7:30am

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(Basin Street Station is open Daily 8:30AM-5:30PM -501 Basin Street New Orleans, LA 70112)

Hop-On Hop-Off busses arrive and attendees visit their attractions of choice.

Attendees should embark Hop-On Hop-Off bus by 4:30pm and arrive at Basin Street Station at (or before 5:00pm).

Busses depart for Baton Rouge at 5:15pm

Arrive at the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge at 6:30pm

The cost for this excursion is approximately \$50 for adults (13+) \$25 for kids (2-12) and free for kids 2 and younger.

The excursion is wheelchair, scooter, and stroller friendly. New Orleans is Hot and Humid during the summer months. Dress comfortably and accordingly. Comfortable shoes and a light jacket is encouraged for travel and air-conditioned buildings. More to come on this amazing experience in the weeks to come.



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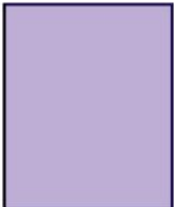
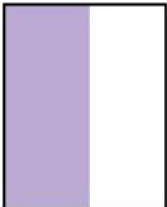

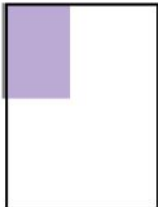

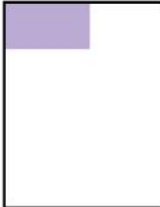
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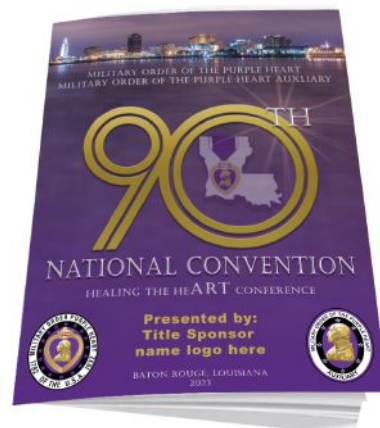
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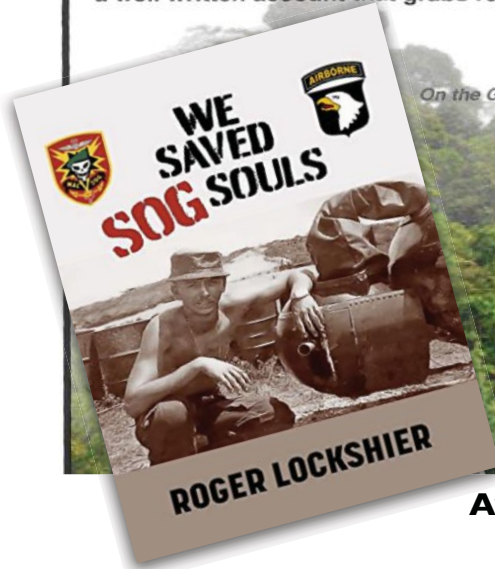


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Patriot Richard D. Keirn of Chapter 730 Department of Nevada may be an exception. On March 7, 1973, he was authorized to wear the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers Badge. He is the only individual in the United States Army authorized to wear it.

Patriot Keirn was assigned to the 1st New Zealand Army Training Team Free World Forces at Chi-Lang in Chau-Doc Province, South Vietnam, from August 1971 to July 1972. The Team was in the Special Forces Camp at the base of Nui-Cam Mountain, which is part of the Seven Sisters Mountains on the South Vietnam / Cambodia border. Patriot Keirn was wounded on March 27, 1972, on Nui-Coto Mountain.

As far as records go, Patriot Keirn is the only American ever officially assigned to a Foreign Army. He was an Engineer Advisor in Explosives and Demolitions.

Upon leaving South Vietnam, he went to New Zealand with the Team and stayed for 30 days as a guest of the Royal New Zealand Engineers at their Engineer Center and School in Palmerston, North New Zealand.

There, they Awarded him the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineer Badge and made him an official Royal New Zealand Engineer. ♥



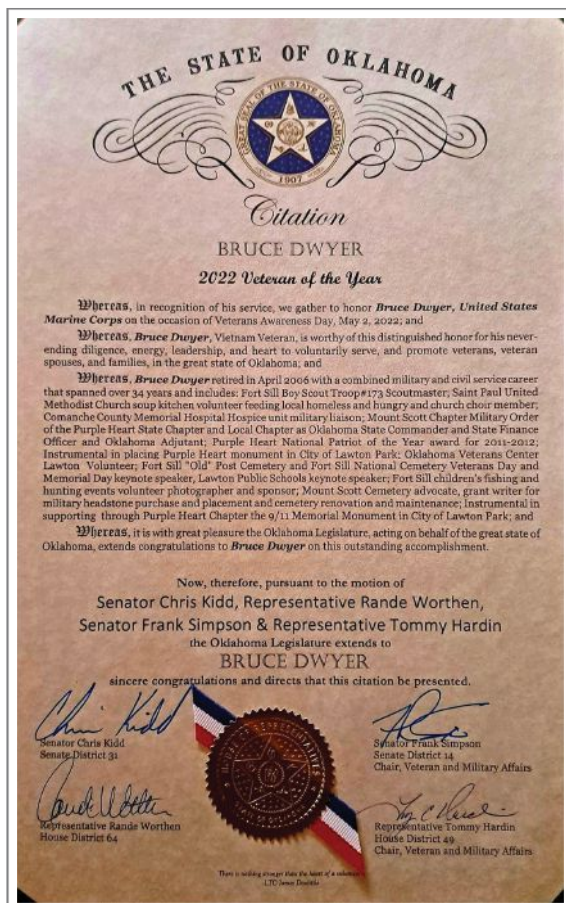
Patriots in Their Community...



Lynchburg Chapter 1607 attended the Charlotte County Supervisor's meeting where they made it Official with a Resolution that Charlotte would become part of the Purple Heart Community along with a new Purple Heart Trail. Patriots of Chapter 1607 presented them with Purple Heart Community signs, Purple Heart Parking signs, and witnessed the reading of the County's resolution.



Chapter 509 Patriot Timothy Tomaszewski presented the Purple Heart City Signs to Dubois, WY Mayor John Myers. In attendance City Councilmen Bruce Thompson, Rich Lee and Randy Lahr, VFW Seth Wood, Don Daley, Boyd Livingston, Tom Herbet and Bruce Linsey.



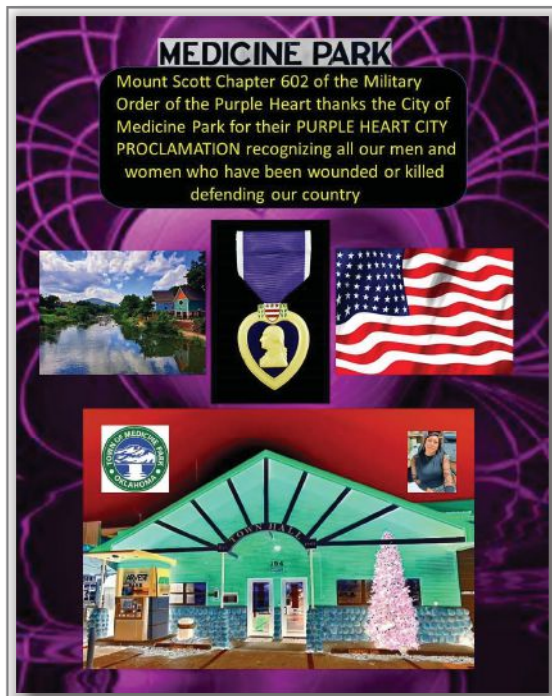
**2022 OKLAHOMA VETERAN OF THE YEAR
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Chapter Commander Joe Bogart and Patriot Hayward Sawyer presenting a Plaque & Special Recognition Award to the CRAVE KITCHEN & BAR. The verbiage on the plaque said, "To the Management & Staff, Thank you for your generosity and support! Presented By: The Military Order of the Purple Heart - Idaho Department and the Chief Joseph Chapter 509."



Oklahoma Mount Scott Chapter 602 Patriots Richard Zeipelt, the new Chapter Commander, and Bruce Dwyer (Adjutant) presented the Medicine Park Mayor Dr. Roger Johnson a plaque for making Medicine Park, Oklahoma a Purple Heart City.



At the beginning of the Oklahoma Medicine Park meeting all rendered Honors to the Colors and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mount Scott Chapter 602 Patriot Richard Zeipelt, Commander, & Bruce Dwyer, Adjutant presented the Medicine Park Asst Manager Yolonda Ramos a Plaque for making Medicine Park (OK) a Purple Heart City. Ms. Ramos thought of this, and made it happen almost entirely on her own, primarily out of Patriotism and because she had a son in the Army and another in the Marine Corps



“Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.” — David Frost



By day’s end Purple Heart members and local organizations had served 50 veteran families and 85 local families who were in need of food for the Holidays.



These photos are from the holiday food distribution. The Purple Heart partnered with the local Houston Food Bank, Powerhouse Church of Katy,TX and Combat Wounded of Texas to distribute the food to local veterans. In all, were 50 turkeys, nearly 15,000 pounds of Holiday food & all the fixings.



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In December of 2022 The Military Order Of The Purple Heart Department of Michigan donated to Great Lakes National Cemetery this 'State of Art' six passenger Cart to assist in the transportation of family members to visit loved ones interred in this National Shrine.

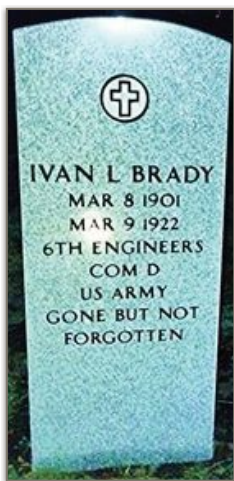
Making the presentation of the Cart is Department Commander Sam Alvarado.



On the 13th December 13th, 2022 MOPH Department of Michigan

Commander Sam Alvarado presented a check for \$10,000 to Mr. Ryan Engle, Director of Development and Strategic Engagement for Michigan Veterans Homes.





PARADISE VALLEY, OK — Much like the Mount Scott Cemetery east of Lake Lawtonka, World War I soldier Private Ivan L. Brady's story and memory was lost for close to a century.

But on Saturday, due to the concerted efforts of many, his life and service was honored.

With the dedication of a headstone for the forever-21-year-old Army soldier, the woman who discovered his gravesite while cleaning up the overgrown cemetery offered her gratitude to all the veterans and volunteers who showed up for the ceremony.

"This is a very emotional day for me," said Melanie Jackson. "I am so blessed to have you all

Chapter 602 paid \$500 to purchase an appropriate VA-type headstone



Jackson remembered making out a few tall stones among the overgrown grass at the cemetery in 2019. In the years since, she has been joined by allied forces of veterans and service clubs to return the cemetery to a sense of place.

A church dispute led to its dissolution in 1926. The cemetery was left to be swallowed by the wild prairie grass and cockleburrs. While tending the grounds, Jackson made the discovery of Brady's grave. From there, his story, albeit short, was discovered.

Brady died from tuberculosis one day after his 21st birthday on March 9, 1922. The fatal disease came while serving in the U.S. Army's Company D in the 6th Battalion in World War I in France. Born in Mannville, he later lived in Duncan and, finally, Elgin.

While fighting overseas, Brady's mother passed away. His marker now stands tall in the cemetery, just north of his mother's grave.

Fort Sill Garrison Chaplain Lisa Northway cited Psalm 23 during



the dedication ceremony.

“What an amazing opportunity to honor our warrior,” she said.

The same could be said for Jackson. After taking the effort as her own to reclaim the cemetery from the elements, stories published in The Lawton Constitution led to an amassing of reinforcements.

Ben Burris with the Triangle 548 Lawton Masonic Lodge showed up with a riding lawn mower. Since then, he put the word out and was able to enlist three lodges in the efforts.

“I came out and saw what she was talking about; I put it out to a bunch of Masons,” he said. “What you see today is a lot of effort from three Masonic lodges.”

Bruce Dwyer from the Military Order of the Purple Heart donated cash and equipment as well as obtained a \$1,600 grant from Home Depot to assist. For about 2½ years, he worked on getting the headstone together.

Seventeen months ago, Dwyer reached out to the Veterans Administration and applied for a headstone. A month later, he was told later there wasn’t enough information and Brady’s records may have been lost in a fire. Soldiers find a way.

“So my Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 602 stepped up and paid \$500 for a VA-type headstone about six to eight months ago,” he said.

“None of us could have done it without us all



doing it together,” he said.

As he addressed the dozens on hand for the ceremony, Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Veterans Association Commander Kristopher Killfirst offered a Native American blessing that included a Native American flag song. Those who served always honor others who took the same oaths.

“This is what we do, this is why we do it,” he said. “What we do know, he (Brady) raised

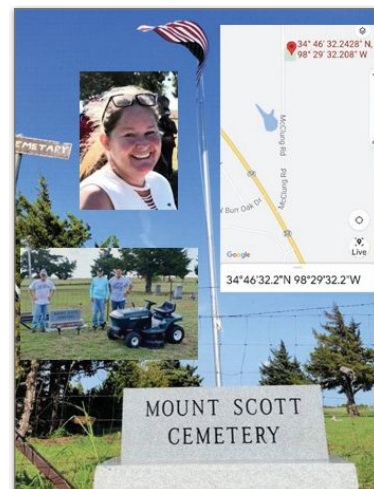
his hand and served, just like all of us.”

As Killfirst offered the roll call, he called out, first, “Private Brady.”

A second call out was made: “Private Ivan Brady.”

One last call was made: “Private Ivan L. Brady.”

The silence of no response was broken by the somber melody of “Taps” played on a bugle sang solemnly through the cold January breeze. Ivan L. Brady, at last, was remembered.



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Join us
MARCH 14, 2023
6PM CST

as we *explore* innovative ways to
treat mild to moderate Traumatic Brain Injury ,
post-traumatic stress, and other physical and
psychological health concerns.



March is National Brain Injury Awareness Month

To recognize the importance and seriousness of brain injury and mental health in the Veteran Community, the Military Order of the Purple Heart - Department of Louisiana - will host a Zoom webinar featuring Dr. Gregory Stewart, Medical Director-Tulane University Center for Brain Health.

Dr. Stewart will share information about Tulane University's Center for Brain Health's new Veteran program that was created to address the unique medical needs of Veterans and the military community. The program focuses in traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress.

The 45 minute webinar is free to join. A 15 minute Q&A session will follow.
Capacity will be limited to 100 participants.
The webinar is free and open to the public nationwide.

For more information about the program, contact:
Jeremy Brewer, LCSW
jbrewer3@tulane.edu
(504) 941-0644



Tulane University
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To register, visit the Military Order of the Purple Heart's
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Dr. Gregory Stewart

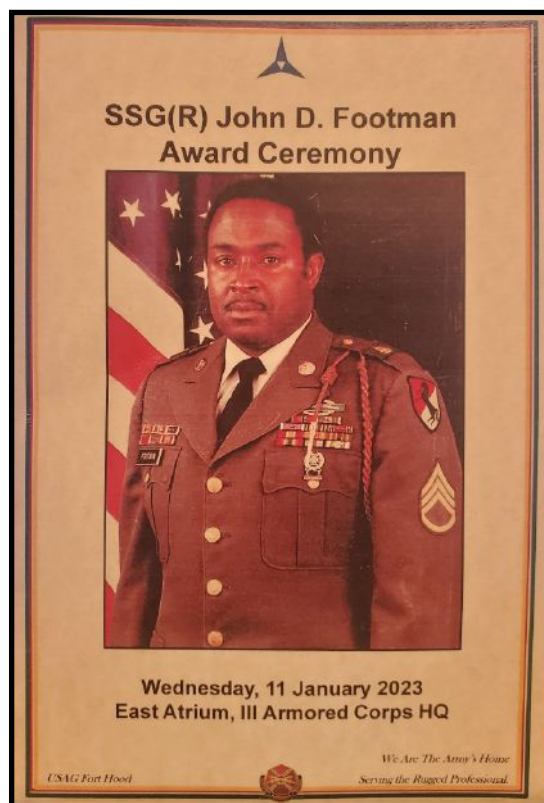
Never Too Late.

On January 11th, 2023, Lt. General Sean Bernabe presented Patriot Footman with the Purple Heart medal along with Bronze Star with Valor device.

Patriot John Footman was drafted into the Army in June of 1967 and has served as an infantryman and cavalry scout. And has had many different assignments while he was in most notable where his time in Germany and Vietnam. Patriot Footman served his full 20 years and retired in July of 1987 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

It wasn't until 33 years later that the 3rd Armored Corps at Army Garrison Fort Hood and its leadership recognized Patriot John Footman for his gallantry service during the Vietnam war.

After 33-year Patriot Footman was excited to receive these awards happy to have finally been recognized.



Purple Heart Regulation

CAPS

Official Vendor's Supply List

Cap prices include the cap patch and the lettering "Military Order of the Purple Heart" and "U.S.A." On the left side, and Chapter number on the front right, if requested.

NATIONAL CAP

Men's and Ladies' Style

All white with purple piping & letters: **\$24.75 each**

DEPARTMENT CAP

Men's and Ladies' Style

Purple with white top, gold piping & white letters: **\$24.75 each**

CHAPTER CAP

Men's and Ladies' Style

All purple with white piping & letters: **\$24.75**

PURPLE HEART BERET **\$20.00**

(Lettering not available)

Life Member Annotation

Includes direct embroidery

"Life Member" around flap curve on front right side: **\$6.00**

Associate Member

Annotation: **\$9.50**

(in addition to cap price).

Additional letters:

\$0.60 each

Remove/replace letters:

\$1.50 per letter

Plastic zippered cap bag:

\$4.00 each

Winter baseball caps:

\$15.00 each

Dress Tie: **\$15.00 each***

Purple tie – 100% polyester with white-bordered MOPH patch (specify standard tie or clip-on)

***ONE SIZE FITS ALL**

Allow approximately four (4) weeks for delivery.

For shipping & handling, add **\$8.00 per order**

With your order, include the following when ordering:

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National Jr Vice President

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I am honored, happy, and excited to be the National Jr. Vice President of The Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary. A great organization that, by working together, is helping our Patriots and Veterans all across the United States. Units and Departments will be having their elections in the coming months, and it is getting harder and harder to find people willing to step up to fill these positions.

I know we are getting older, we have other things going on, we are tired, we are afraid we will do something wrong, we don't want the responsibility, we have held a position before, and now it is someone else's turn. I could go on and on, but if someone does not step up to fill these positions, all the work and help that has been completed for our Patriots and Veterans in the last 90 years will cease.

Do we want this to happen? I believe the consensus would be NO.

Yes, we are celebrating our 90th birthday this year. Our predecessors worked hard and long to establish this great organization and keep it running through tough times.

We have experienced tough times the last few years ourselves. Let's be strong like

the Auxiliary members before us and keep up the good work they started.

When someone approaches you and asks if you

could help your Unit, Department, or even National, by accepting to run for an officer position, say, "Why yes, I would be honored to help."

Remember, we are all in this together. We can keep the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary by working and having fun together, helping our Patriots and Veterans for another 90 years. ♥

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY AUXILIARY

Fran Holtgreven

**Happy 90th Birthday
Military Order of the
Purple Heart Auxiliary**



Application for Life Membership

Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary



AUXILIARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP Eligibility is based on relationship to Purple Heart Recipient and is granted to a parent, grandparent, spouse, widow, widower, sibling, child, or grandchild of persons who have been awarded the Purple Heart by the Armed Services of the United States, and to those who served in the Armed Forces and have received the Purple Heart decoration in their own name. Life Membership is subject to conditions set forth in Article I of the MOPHA Bylaws.

ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP is available based on relationship to Auxiliary member and is granted to a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, or spouse of a member in the Auxiliary. Associate Membership is subject to conditions set forth in Article XVIII of the MOPHA Bylaws.

Evidence of Purple Heart recipient's award and relationship to applicant must be verified.

Dues Schedule: Life Membership—\$50.00 Associate Life Membership—\$50.00

Dues submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE

LIFE MEMBER APPLICATION (revised July 2020)

Based On Relationship to Purple Heart Recipient

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Unit Requested _____
 I am the _____ of _____ Name of Purple Heart Recipient _____
☐ He/she is a member of MOPH Chapter _____ Life Member Number _____
☐ He/she is not a member of MOPH. Attached is the DD214 for certification of Purple Heart award.
 Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
 Sponsor: _____ Auxiliary member name & ID number signing you up _____ Sponsor Unit # _____
Membership eligibility must be certified by Chapter or Department MOPH Officer or DD214.
 I certify that the MOPH Member & ID Number is known to me & the Applicant is eligible for membership in MOPHA.
 Certified by _____ MOPH Officer Position _____ Chapter # _____

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd _____ Member Type _____ Member # _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER APPLICATION (revised July 2020)

Based On Relationship to Auxiliary Member

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Unit Requested _____
 I am the _____ of _____ Name of Auxiliary Member _____ Life Member Number _____
 Who is the _____ of _____ Name of Purple Heart Recipient _____
 Auxiliary member Relation to Recipient _____ Date _____
 Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
 Sponsor: _____ Auxiliary Member & ID number signing you up _____ Sponsor Unit # _____
Membership eligibility must be certified by Chapter or Department MOPH Officer or DD214.
 I certify that the MOPHA Member & ID Number is known to me & the Applicant is eligible for membership in MOPHA.
 Certified by _____ MOPH Officer Position _____ Chapter # _____

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd _____ Member Type _____ Member # _____

Complete appropriate application and send with payment to:
 Cheryl Perez . PO Box 120085 . Chula Vista, CA . 91912 / Email: Members.MOPHA@gmail.com



THE PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

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PAGE 3	\$425	\$215	\$145
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All of the links to websites and E-mail addresses are **live** links. An example of a live link is the E-mail address of the Editor shown below.

The Purple Heart Magazine is a **full-color** digital edition.

The six editions per year of The Purple Heart Magazine begin with the January/February issue.

Ads submission dates are the **15th** day of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman of the National Publications Committee with any questions.

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Application for Life Membership

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Purple Heart Recipient Eligibility: Any person of good moral character who is serving in or has served in one of the Armed Forces of the United States, or any foreign country, who can show proof of the award of the Purple Heart for wounds.

Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general.

For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate.

There is no posthumous membership.

All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

Associate Member For a parent, spouse, sibling, lineal or adopted descendant (child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of either a living or deceased Purple Heart recipient, evidence of the award of the Purple Heart and the relationship must be submitted with the application.

If the Purple Heart recipient is living, the recipient must be a member in-good-standing of the MOPH and he/she must sign to acknowledge the relationship and consent for membership.

Dues Schedule

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Life Membership \$200.00

Associate Life Membership \$200.00

Fees may be paid in four equal payments of \$50. The first \$50 must be submitted with this application and the remaining \$150 within one year when using this option. If you want to use this option, initial here _____.

Fees submitted with Application for Membership are NON-REFUNDABLE.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Member# _____ Chapter# _____

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (Work/Cell) _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Recruited by (Print Name) _____ Relationship _____

Next of Kin (Print Name) _____

Check one ☐ Life Member ☐ Associate Life Member

Credit Card ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express CVV #(required) _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

(required even if not paying by credit card) Typing my name above will constitute as my signature

All applicants must complete the appropriate section below and send with payment to: MOPH National Headquarters 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151 www.purpleheart.org membership@purpleheart.org 888.668.1656

Purple Heart Recipient MOPH Bylaws require that a copy of the document that supports the award of the Purple Heart medal must accompany each application. A copy of documentation submitted will be retained on file for future reference. Evidence of the award of the Purple Heart must be submitted with the application. Certificate alone does not constitute proof of award. If discharged, discharge document such as a DD-214 must be provided reflecting character of service as honorable or general. For active duty, provide PCS orders, Purple Heart Orders and Purple Heart Certificate. There is no posthumous membership. All applications are subject to verification with the National Personnel Records Center and/or Service.

☐ DD-214 ☐ DD-215 (supported by DD-214) ☐ Orders plus PH Certificate ☐ WD AGO 53-55

Service ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard

War Wounded ☐ WW2 ☐ Korea ☐ Vietnam ☐ OEF ☐ OIF ☐ OND ☐ Other _____

Date entered service _____ ☐ Active Duty (Provide PCS orders) Date Departed Service/Discharged _____

Date wounded _____ Location of Engagement _____

Commissioning source: _____ Have you been convicted of a Felony? Yes No

Associate Member Documentation of relationship and proof of Purple Heart award required.

Name of Purple Heart Recipient _____

Member# & Signature _____ Chapter# _____

I acknowledge the relationship and consent for associate membership (if applicable)

Purple Heart documentation ☐ DD-214 ☐ DD-215 ☐ Orders plus PH Certificate ☐ WD AGO 53-55

Relationship of Applicant to PH Recipient ☐ Parent ☐ Spouse ☐ Sibling ☐ Child ☐ Grandchild ☐ Great-Grandchild

Relationship documents ☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Adoption Papers ☐ Marriage Certificate ☐ Casualty Report

The National Adjutant will make the final determination on eligibility. Altered documents constitute automatic denial of membership. Payment for dues is not deductible as a charitable contribution according to the Internal Revenue Code. Dues include subscription to the Purple Heart Magazine.

All information and requirements are subject to change without notice.

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