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Purple Heart Foundation Awards Grant to Purple Hearts Reunited

Nonprofit reunites lost Purple Heart medals with the veterans who earned them

ANNANDALE, VA. – April 17, 2015 – The Purple Heart Foundation, a Virginia-based nonprofit organization that funds programs to support military veterans and their families, awarded a \$50,000 grant to Purple Hearts Reunited, a nonprofit organization that returns lost or stolen Purple Heart medals to the service members who earned them, or to their family members.

Purple Hearts Reunited was founded in 2012 by Zachariah Fike, a Captain in the Vermont National Guard and a combat wounded veteran who earned his own Purple Heart while serving in the Iraq war. To date, the organization has returned the medals of over 100 veterans, and is currently working on returning more than 200 others. The medals are often returned in emotional military ceremonies to the family members of the long deceased veterans who earned them.

“We are proud to support an organization that does so much to honor all that the Purple Heart represents,” said Jeffrey Roy, president of the Purple Heart Foundation.

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (MOPHSF)

The [Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation](http://www.PurpleHeartFoundation.org) provides emotional, physical, educational and financial support for wounded and disabled veterans, to help improve their lives. [Programs](#) include suicide prevention, support for veterans with brain injuries, counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and assistance for women’s health issues – all common challenges for veterans. The Purple Heart Service Foundation provides scholarships, family assistance, claims assistance and employment training. Family members also get support, learning how to help disabled veterans to cope with their physical, emotional and behavioral challenges. For more information, visit www.PurpleHeartFoundation.org.

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although its membership is restricted to the combat wounded, MOPH supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs by Chapters and National Service Officers. For more information, visit www.PurpleHeart.org.

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