



**PURPLE HEARTS
REUNITED**



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**PURPLE HEARTS REUNITED RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF
THE PURPLE HEART SERVICE FOUNDATION FOR \$50,000**

Georgia, VT – Purple Hearts Reunited, a Vermont nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation. These funds will support the purchase and/or rescue of lost or stolen Purple Heart medals and their repatriation to the Purple Heart recipient or his/her family.

The grant funds are to be used to cover the purchase or rescue of lost or stolen Purple Heart medals, the cost of framing, travel expenses, and event and presentation costs. This will honor the veterans who originally earned the Purple Heart medals, as well as commemorating their service among military families, general community members, and the public. Purple Hearts Reunited conducts public ceremonies and private medal returns all over the country, and has been operating with only private donations and sponsorships for the past three years. This first major source of grant funding will enhance the sustainability of the medal return program and reunite cherished medals with veterans and military families awaiting these services.

Purple Hearts Reunited is honored to receive the official financial support of the MOPH Service Foundation. “This grant is a game-changer, and will help our organization tremendously,” said Zachariah Fike, the founder of Purple Hearts Reunited and National Director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart’s Medal Recovery Program. The grant will allow dozens of lost or stolen Purple Hearts to be returned to their rightful owners. Fike believes we can never stop asking what more we can do for our veterans, adding, “We should be forever thankful for their service and their sacrifice.”

The MOPH Service Foundation (www.purpleheartfoundation.org) awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. The nonprofit foundation supports many organizations and programs that help veterans and their families. The Service Foundation raises funds for veterans services and is the fundraising arm of the MOPH, a congressionally-chartered organization which has over 45,000 members nationwide.

The nonprofit foundation Purple Hearts Reunited (www.purpleheartsreunited.org) was created in 2012 by combat-wounded veteran Zachariah Fike, and works to return lost or stolen military medals of valor in order to veterans or their families in order to honor their sacrifice to the nation. The organization is funded by donations and grants, and has returned military awards, including but not limited to Purple Heart medals, to more than 150 veterans, families, and museums to date.

Earned Through Valor, Lost by Circumstance, Reunited with Dignity