



T H E M I L I T A R Y C O A L I T I O N

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July 5, 2007

The Honorable John E. Potter  
Postmaster General  
U.S. Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster Potter:

The Military Coalition (TMC), a consortium of nationally prominent military and veterans' organizations representing more than 5.5 million members of the seven uniformed services, their families and survivors, is writing to express our strong support for the re-issuance of the Purple Heart Stamp as a "perpetual" stamp.

We thank you for the initial issuance of the Purple Heart Stamp in 2003, the re-issuance of the stamp in 2006, and your announced re-issuance scheduled for August 2007. While your willingness to re-issue the Purple Heart Stamp with a monetary value on the stamp is commendable, we believe that the Purple Heart Stamp is worthy of being a perpetual stamp.

The Purple Heart Medal, which the stamp represents, is the very symbol of the cost of the freedom we enjoy. Today, with our military perishing on the battlefields and our wounded warriors returning from the ongoing conflicts, the Purple Heart Stamp honors their service and sacrifices.

We respectfully request that you give serious consideration to issuing the Purple Heart Stamp as a perpetual stamp to honor those who have received the medal and those who are and will be in harm's way today and in the future.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition  
(Signatures Below)

Air Force Association  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
Air Force Women Officers Associated  
American Logistics Association  
AMVETS (American Veterans)  
Army Aviation Association of America  
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States  
Association of the United States Army  
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.  
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States  
Fleet Reserve Association  
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.  
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America  
Marine Corps League  
Marine Corps Reserve Association  
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America  
Military Officers Association of America  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
National Association for Uniformed Services  
National Guard Association of the United States  
National Military Family Association  
National Order of Battlefield Commissions  
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association  
Naval Reserve Association  
Navy League of the United States  
Non Commissioned Officers Association  
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States  
Reserve Officers Association  
The Retired Enlisted Association  
United States Army Warrant Officers Association  
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Veterans' Widows International Network