

The Purple Heart medal is presented to Americans wounded or killed in combat in service to the country. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will be a state-of-the-art facility that will preserve and share the stories of these ordinary men and women and the extraordinary sacrifices they made for the nation. The Hall of Honor will include interactive computer banks of Purple Heart recipients, theaters where veterans' stories can be shared, as well as images and personal artifacts that will bring the stories alive. The Hall of Honor will also provide opportunities for visiting veterans to share their stories, and for guests to leave messages of gratitude for the sacrifice made by these national heroes. The database of Purple Heart recipients and their stories will be made available around the world over the Internet, while educational programs will allow schoolchildren to learn from the examples of the challenges faced by Americans across the generations.

Please return this card with your check to:

**The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
PO Box 207
Vails Gate, New York 12584**

For additional information, please telephone **845-561-1765**.

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There Needs to be a Place



Architecture by EYP Architects, Albany, NY

New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is the location of the final encampment of George Washington's Army at the close of America's War of Independence, and plays a central role in the history of the Purple Heart.

To honor the service of his troops, General Washington chose a select few to receive a small purple cloth Badge of Merit. The present day Purple Heart medal took as its inspiration the color and shape of the Badge of Merit and added the image of George Washington to honor the man who valued his soldiers. In 1932, the new Purple Heart medal was presented to 150 veterans of World War I on these same historic grounds.

Over the past decade, in partnership with combat-wounded veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the State of New York, the United States Congress, and private sector donors, the mission of the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site has been to research and collect the personal histories of America's veterans, preserved in their own words, for future generations. Tens of thousands more of these stories remain to be told through further video interviews, a growing databank of recipients, and the donated personal items service men and women carried through war.

Construction of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New York's historic Hudson River Valley is nearing completion. The Hall of Honor will offer visitors an incredible journey through military history and the opportunity for veterans to share their powerful stories and reminders of human sacrifice and the cost of freedom.

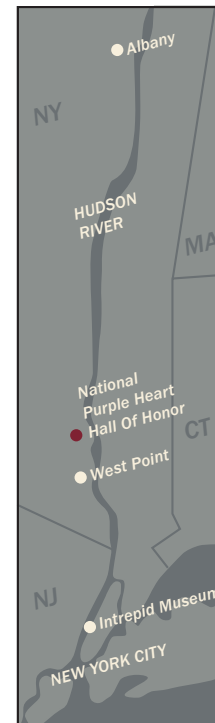
The New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

Your Contribution



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You will give powerful and tangible thanks to all the men, women, and families who have received the Purple Heart medal, and participate in telling the story of the Purple Heart.



Help honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice

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National Purple Heart Hall of Honor



*From the
Badge of Merit
to the Purple Heart*

The Hall of Honor Will Serve Us All

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The History of the Purple Heart



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As visitors walk the corridor from the entry to the main exhibition, they will journey through a detailed timeline that describes the history of the Purple Heart, our country's various military campaigns, and the number of Purple Heart recipients associated with each of them.

The Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor will be the nation's first resource devoted to preserving the history of these brave men and women.

The exhibition's computer database will offer an extensive record of selfless sacrifice compiled in a Roll of Honor.



Photo credit: New York State

The Roll of Honor can be searched by a recipient's name, location of battle, or other criteria, and can be regularly and securely updated by visiting veterans and family members, to include the names of over 1.7 million Purple Heart recipients.

Freedom Isn't Free



Photo credit: National Security Archive

The Purple Heart story will be dramatically told through a half hour documentary.

The film, *Freedom Isn't Free*, will be shown regularly to visitors of the Hall of Honor in the Video Theater.

The film will be available for cable and public television broadcast, and will be shown at appropriate gatherings and meetings throughout the country.



Photo credit: DoD/DVIC

On special occasions, such as tours or class visits, Purple Heart recipients themselves will visit the Hall of Honor to share their experiences and explore the meaning of *Freedom Isn't Free*.

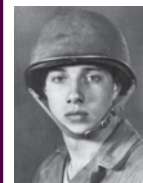
It Helps To Talk, It Helps To Listen

It is very powerful to listen to the stories of veterans and their families, and to learn from them. Visitors to these intimate, interactive video spaces will be able to choose questions and hear answers that give them a deeper appreciation of the Purple Heart and its meaning.



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Purple Heart recipients who visit the Hall of Honor will have the opportunity to add their own experiences in the specially created Video Recording Studio.



– 2nd Lt. Robert Dole, Purple Heart Recipient, Former United States Senator, Kansas



–2nd Lt. Daniel K. Inouye, Purple Heart Recipient, United States Senator, Hawaii

“The Hall of Honor marks the true price of freedom and democracy, the precious blood of our men and women spent defending them. We honor the heroes by reminding ourselves, and future generations, of the sacrifices and then acting worthy of them.”

“The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will be long remembered as a special place that represents sacrifice, patriotism, and love of country.”



YES! I want to help support the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. Enclosed is my contribution that is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The Friends of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission is a 501(c)(3) organization with federal registration as a non-profit corporation.

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