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*Recipients Awarded the
 Purple Heart*

"I am forever honored ... for I have marched with heroes!" Jackie Kays

Awarded The Purple Heart

| Name | Rank | Base / Date | Awards |
|---------------------------------------|------|--|--------|
| Alexander, Johnson L. | A1C | | |
| Arrant, Wilbert B. | A2C | | |
| Austin, Terry R. | A2C | Tan Son Nhut AB: 65-70 | |
| Baker, Glenn | SSgt | | |
| Barth, Joseph V. | 1LT | Phan Rang AB: 65-66 | |
| Bevich Jr., George | A2C | Posthumously: Tan Son Nhut AB: 4 Dec 1966 | |
| Bezette, David B. | A1C | Phan Rang, 26 Jan 1969 | |
| Boyd, James - K9 | SSgt | Posthumously: Biên Hòa AB, 28 Feb 1968 | |
| Brozek, Frank M. | A1C | | |
| Caputo, Thomas J. | Sgt | Phan Rang, 26 Jan 1969. K-9 Fritz KIA | |
| Cartwright, Thomas E. | SSgt | Ubon RTAFB: 13 Jan 1970 | |
| Cassidy, John D. | SSgt | Đà Nẵng: 02 Sep 1972 | |
| Coggins, Alonzo J. | SSgt | 377th SPS, TSN, 31 Jan 1968 (TET) , Bunker O-51. | |
| Cole, John M. | A2C | Posthumously: Tan Son Nhut AB: 4 Dec 1966 | |
| Cook Jr., Roy H. | A2C | Tan Son Nhut: 06 Apr 1966 | |
| Cyr, William J. | SSgt | Posthumously: 377th SPS, TSN, 31 Jan 1968 (TET), Bunker O-51. | |
| Davis, Arron Jr. | A1C | Posthumously: Phu Cat AB, 12 Feb 1971 | |
| Davis, Lyle K. | A2C | Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec. 1966 | |
| Dayton, Edward A. | | Đà Nẵng AB, 66-67 | |
| Dowdell, David M. | A1C | Tan Son Nhut: 18 Feb 1968 | |
| Fisher, Louis H. | SSgt | Posthumously: 377th SPS, TSN, 31 Jan 1968 (TET), Bunker O-51. | |
| Francis, James E. | A1C | Posthumously: Korat RTAFB, 11 Mar 68 | |
| Fuller, Gary L. - K9 | A2C | Posthumously: Đà Nẵng AB, 27 Feb 1967 | |
| Garcia, Rudy E. | A1C | Phan Rang 22 Feb 1969 | |
| Gary, Richard E. | A2C | | |
| Glassman, Kenneth B. | | Biên Hòa, 65-66 | |

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| Gudiry Jr., Leno | A1C | Phan Rang 22 Feb 1969 |  |
| Habecker, Barry L. | SSgt | Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec. 1966 |  |
| Harris, Harold | SSgt | |  |
| Hebron, Charles E. | SSgt | Posthumously: 377th SPS, TSN, 31 Jan 1968 (TET) , Bunker O-51. |   |
| Holbrook, Horace | A2C | Posthumously: Biên Hòa AB, 12 May 1967 |   |
| Hunstiger, Timothy M. | SSgt | Phan Rang: 26 January 1969 |  |
| Iles, William W. | SSgt | Phan Rang: 26 January 1969 |   |
| Janiak, Thaddeus (Ted) M. | A2C | Tan Son Nhut: 4 Dec 1966 (Deceased Past President of the VSPA) |   |
| Jensen, Terance K. | SSgt | Posthumously: Đà Nẵng AB, 1 Jul 1965 |   |
| Johnson, Chancellor | SSgt | |   |
| Jones, James B. | A3C | Posthumously: Đà Nẵng, 25 Jan 1966 |   |
| Jones, Sidney | A1C | |   |
| Kastner, William K. | SSgt | Đà Nẵng, 16 March 1970 (While flying over enemy positions) |   |
| Koger, Robert H. | A1C | Đà Nẵng: 27 July 1967 |   |
| Kopfer, John J. - K9 | A1C | Posthumously: Đà Nẵng AB, 21 Feb 1968 |   |
| Lehman, Millard W. | A1C | Posthumously: Binh Thuy AB, 8 Jul 1966 |   |
| Leshner, Henry L. | SSgt | Tuy Hoa AB: 23 Aug 1969 |   |
| Loftis, Joel C. - K9 | A1C | Posthumously: Phan Rang AB: 7 Jun 1969 |   |
| Logan, Ronald D. | SSgt | Phan Rang 22 Feb 1969 |   |
| Maisey, Reginald V. Jr. | Capt | Posthumously: Biên Hòa AB: 31 Jan 1968 |   |
| McBride, Thomas G. | A1C | Đà Nẵng: 04 Mar 1971 |   |
| Menefee, Bobby L. | A1C | |   |
| Meyer, James D. | A1C | Udon RTAFB: 3 Oct 72 |   |
| Midkiff, Gary B. | SSgt | Posthumously: Binh Thuy AB, 4 Feb 1968 |   |
| Mills, Roger B. | SSgt | Posthumously: Tan Son Nhut AB: 31 Jan 1968 |   |
| Moon, Jerry R. | A2C | Posthumously: Tuy Hoa AB, 7 Sep 1967 |   |
| Murphy, David M. | SSgt | |   |
| Muse, Edward, G. - K9 | A1C | Posthumously: Biên Hòa AB: 31 Jan 1968 |   |
| Myers, David | | Udon RTAFB: 13 Oct 1972 |   |
| Palmatier, Richard | A1C | Pleiku AB: 22 Apr 1966 |   |
| Perkins, Charles W. | A2C | |   |
| Perez, Ron | SSgt | Đà Nẵng AB: 24 March 1967 |   |
| Poole, Tommy C. | A2C | Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec. 1966 |   |
| Press, Robert (Bob) - K9 | A1C | Biên Hòa AB: 31 Jan 1968 (K9 Diablo X313 was KIA) |   |
| Redmond, Glenn D. | SSgt | Phan Rang: 26 January 1969 |  |
| Riddle, Oliver J. | A2C | Posthumously: Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec 1966 | |



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| Simmons, Russell | A2C Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec. 1966 |
| Smith, Dennis | Binh Thuy in 1967-1968, K-9 |
| Timmons, Robert E. | A1C Phan Rang: Apr-Jun 1969 |
| Valasquez, Rafel Jr. | SSgt Phan Rang: 26 January 1969 |
| Ware, David | A1C Biên Hòa : 12 May 1967 |
| Wissig, Edward S. | SSgt Posthumously: Phu Cat AB, 12 Feb 1971 |

The Purple Heart

The Purple Heart Medal today, is the modern form of the original Purple Heart established by General George Washington in 1782, and is conferred on any person *wounded in action* while serving with the armed forces of the United States. It is *also awarded posthumously* to the next of kin of personnel killed or having died of wounds received in action after April 5, 1917.

Award: *The Purple Heart is awarded for combat action only, to any member of the Armed Forces **killed or wounded in an armed conflict**. Second and subsequent awards of the Purple Heart are denoted by a gold star for Navy and Marine Corps personnel and by an oak-leaf cluster for Army and Air Force personnel.*

Design: Designed by Elizabeth Will and modeled by John R. Sinnock. The heart-shaped medal, one of the best known and also one of the most beautiful of our decorations. The inner heart on the obverse is of purple plastic (originally enamel), and the sculptured outer heart of gold-colored metal. On the purple heart General Washington is shown in profile, facing left, in a relief also of gold-colored metal. Above this heart is Washington's coat of arms, and enamel shield of white with two horizontal bands of red, and above them three red stars with sprays of green leaves on either side of the shield.

The reverse of the medal is entirely of gold-colored metal, including the shield and leaves. Within the sculptured outer heart and below the shield is the inscription, set in three lines, "For Military Merit," with a space below for the recipient's name.



Ribbon: The Ribbon is deep purple with narrow white edges.

History: Originally established by GEN George Washington on 7 AUG 1782, at Newburgh on the Hudson, New York, as an award for outstanding military merit, or the 'Badge of Merit'. The decoration was in the form of an embroidered, heart-shaped badge of purple cloth and only three non-commissioned officers received the Order at that time. Though never officially abolished it was not again awarded for almost one hundred and fifty years.

Upon its revival in 1932, as the Purple Heart, the decoration was to be awarded to members of the US Army in two categories:

For being wounded in action in any war or campaign under conditions which entitle the wearing of a wound chevron.

- "For those persons who perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service."

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an Executive Order which provided that the Purple Heart would be made available to members of all the US Armed Services who were wounded in action. Since then the Purple Heart has become one of the most highly respected decorations of the US Armed Forces. The decoration holds a very unique position in that it can be earned in only one way, by being wounded. An attendant requirement is that the wound must have been received as a direct result of enemy actions.

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