



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

CHARTERED BY CONGRESS

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, MOPH

Representing ALL Combat Wounded Patriots in the Commonwealth of Virginia

From: Commander, Department or Chapter Number

DATE:

SUBJ: Request to Visit Fellow Combat Wounded Troops

Name of Commanding Officer
Post, Base, or Installation Address
City, State, and Zip Code

(Second Draft after comments)

Dear General / Commander

On behalf of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), I am writing to ask your permission for our members to meet with and welcome home combat wounded troops of your command who have returned home from the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Our MOPH is the ONLY Veterans' Service organization (VSO) chartered by Congress exclusively for combat wounded veterans. We help ALL injured veterans, whether combat wounded in action (WIA), or non-battle injuries (nbi).

The purpose of meeting with our returned troops is to welcome them home, thank them for their service and sacrifice for our country, explain the many benefits available to Purple Heart recipients, and how to get help when they need it. Our primary purpose is NOT recruiting, since NONE of the benefits we explain depend on membership in the MOPH. These benefits include free tuition at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout America, a lifetime 10-point government job preference, free Service Officer support after their discharge, how to get a Purple Heart license plate in their home state, and critical care referral when needed. It is a point of pride for us that NONE of these benefits require any kind of membership in the MOPH.

Many of our troops are not aware of the importance of keeping a good personal copy of their medical records, or that a Veterans Affairs (VA) Service Officer is assigned at EVERY military hospital ONLY for returning Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, and can provide immediate assistance when needed. These liaison Service Officers provide help to ALL returning troops, regardless of combat wound or non-battle injury (nbi) status. We provide the same free assistance to ALL troops regardless of injury.

Our Department/Chapter contact person to coordinate this request and arrange meetings is:
Full Name - Street Mailing Address - Home and/or work phone - Cell phone - E-mail address

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future to arrange a meeting with our nation's newest returned heroes. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and thank you for YOUR service to our great country.

Yours in Patriotism,

(Signature)

Full Name
MOPH Position
Dept. or Chapter