



Today August 7th is National Purple Heart Day

Amongst all our AMVETS heroes we also have some that are Combat Wounded Veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

Originally established as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington on August 7, 1782, the Purple Heart was subsequently revived and renamed the Purple Heart Medal in 1932. The medal is bestowed upon members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or killed in action against an enemy.

Today I am grateful for the brothers and sisters that made it back home after suffering combat wounds. This group is mostly very humble, giving and selfless and you may never know the brave story behind the veteran.

Please join me in welcoming home the following brothers:

Johnny Byrum, JROTC/ROTC Chairperson & PDC
Suphack Naing, Service Foundation President
Mark Nelson, AMVETS Rider
Raymond Wetzel, Post 77 (MOPH Dept. CA Commander)
Glenn Coplin, Post 77 (MOPH Chapter 2929 Commander)
David (Smokey) Rickerd

If you are a recipient or know of one at your post, please provide me with their names. I would like to honor all our AMVETS Purple Heart recipients.

Yours in Patriotism,

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Commander
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