

PURPLE HEART HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Any member of the U.S. Army who believes that he or she is eligible for the Purple Heart, but through unusual circumstances no award was made, may submit an application through their chain of command, to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408 or via email at HRC.TAGD.AWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL or via phone at (502) 613-9126 commercial or 312-983-9126 DSN.
- Veterans and retirees should submit their requests to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408 or via email at HRC.TAGD.AWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL or via phone at (502) 613-9126 commercial or 312-983-9126 DSN.
- The statutory time limits pertaining to award of military decorations does not apply to the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart may be awarded at any time after submission of documented proof that criteria have been met.
- Each approved award of the Purple Heart must exhibit all of the following factors: wound, injury or death must have been the result of enemy or hostile act, international terrorist attack, or friendly fire. The wound or injury must have required treatment by medical officials and the records of medical treatment must have been made a matter of official records.
- **Supporting Documents Required:**
 1. DA Form 4187
 2. Chain of Command Endorsement
 3. Deployment Order
 4. Officer Record Brief/Enlisted Records Brief/DA Form 2-1
 5. Narrative (one page, quantifiable conditions)

On June 6th 2005, while on the Black Bear Convoy Security Team in Baghdad, Iraq (RT Irish), my convoy was hit with an IED and small arms fire while escorting elements of Iraqi police graduates numbering 605 and 579 respectively from Camp Fiji to the Baghdad Bus Station. Upon impact/explosion of the IED my head struck the right side passenger window causing head pain and an initial headache. After securing the area, the convoy returned to a safe location. I was assessed by my team leader 1LT William Steal. 1LT Steal sent me to the CASH where I was examined and treated with mild head trauma. Since returning from deployment, I have seen my physician for constant headaches and neck pain. Notes from my physician are attached.

6. Witness Statements DA 2823, (two individuals, w/knowledge of incident, present, or observed)

7. Casualty Report
8. SF 600 (Chronological Record of Medical Care, Misc. medical care/supporting documents)
9. DD Form 214 (Release/Discharge from Active Duty)

*Regulatory guidance for the awarding of the Purple Heart is in AR 600-8-22 Para 2-8