



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, is an American decoration and the oldest active military decoration in the world, established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was reestablished by the President of the United States per War Department General Order No. 3, dated February 22, 1932; and

WHEREAS, the contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration, awarded to military members of the United States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or die from wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States' national interests at home and abroad, and these Veterans and their families can never be made whole again, as a portion of their being remains on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is home to a large, highly decorated Veteran population, including many Purple Heart recipients, of which many have made the ultimate sacrifice in all the world wars; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Manatee County are honored to recognize all military members who have served, or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, and are proud to proclaim on this day, April 10, 2018, a special tribute to those brave service members, the recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that Manatee County shall be known as

A PURPLE HEART COUNTY.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of April 2018.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Priscilla Trace

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Angelina Colonnese

April 10, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #6

Subject

Manatee County Designated as A Purple Heart County

Briefings

Briefing Provided Upon Request

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating Manatee County as "A Purple Heart County."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

January's memo from Florida Association of Counties President, Christopher Constance, encouraging all Florida counties to take the steps to become a Purple Heart County and participate in the Combat Wounded Veterans recognition program.

Background Discussion

This initiative was first installed with Shasta County, California, becoming the first Purple Heart County in the nation in September 2011 and Okaloosa County, Florida, becoming the first county in Florida to become a Purple Heart County in March of 2012. Since 2012, Florida has had an additional 16 counties proclaim their counties to be known as "A Purple Heart County." Manatee County would be the 18th.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Return the original to Lee Washington, County Veteran Services officer, Suite 300-D, Admin Bldg.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
First Floor, Commission Chambers
9:00 a.m. - April 10, 2018

Attachment: [Purple Heart County Proclamation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Purple Heart Ad 1 \(004\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Purple Heart Ad 2.pdf](#)

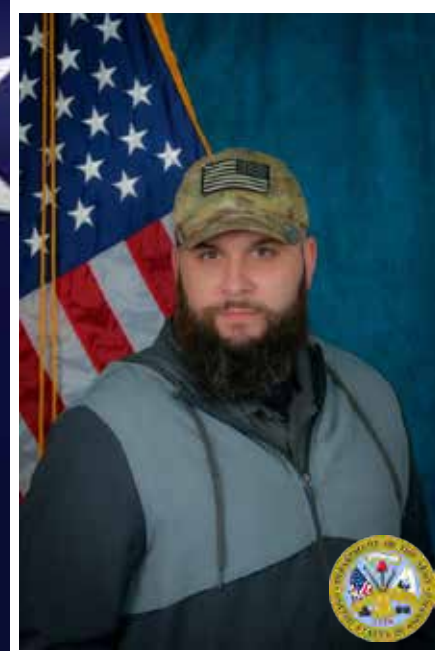
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Manatee County Purple Heart Recipients



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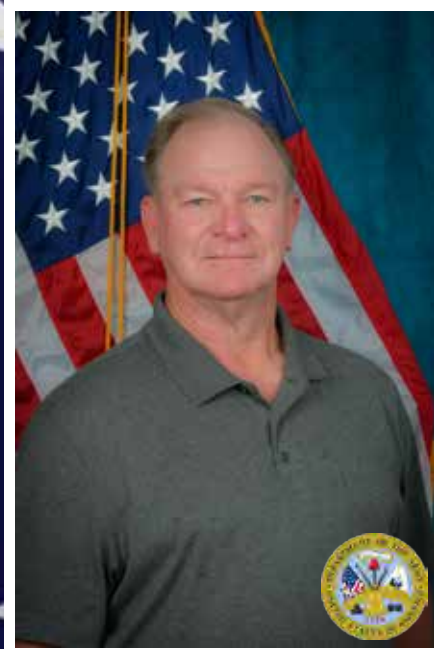


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