



Purple Heart City Donations

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Dear Community Member,

On June 28, 2021, the City of Chillicothe was awarded the designation of Purple Heart City. This designation honors military personnel wounded or killed in combat by hostile forces. The Purple Heart medal was first created by General George Washington in 1782. At that time, it was called the Badge of Military Merit. It later became the Purple Heart medal we know today and is the United States' oldest military medal.

To ensure that we continue to honor and recognize these individuals, the Committee behind the achieving the Purple Heart City designation is working towards erecting a monument. We are turning to the community for assistance to help fund the monument that will be placed in the Veteran's Memorial Park on Park Street near downtown Chillicothe. This placement will allow the community to easily access and honor the Purple Heart recipients.

We are working to reach the fundraising goal in time to have the monument installed for the commemoration event that will take place on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021. The Committee hopes you understand the importance of recognizing these individuals who have sacrificed to protect the freedoms of the United States of America by donating to help fund this monument.

Donations should be made payable to the Ross County Veteran's Council (RCVC) and mailed or dropped off to the Ross-Chillicothe Convention & Visitors Bureau at 230 N. Plaza Blvd., Chillicothe, OH 45601. Enclosed you will find a donation form to complete and send with your donation.

Thank you for your support! Should you have any questions regarding the Purple Heart City designation or the monument, please feel free to contact Melody Lapczynski at (740) 703-9957 or via email at mfLapczynski@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Purple Heart City Committee



Thank you so much for your letter of support!

Please return this form with your donation for the Purple Heart memorial.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Donations should be made payable to the Ross County Veterans Council and mailed to 230 N. Plaza Blvd, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. Please note on your check "Purple Heart" to ensure that your donation is processed for this project. Donations of \$250 and above will be recognized at the dedication ceremony. In order to have the dedication on Veterans Day, November 11th, donations are requested by November 1.

Thank you for your support.