

PURPLE HEART/OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM-OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Program: The Purple Heart/Operation Iraqi Freedom-Operation Enduring Freedom Membership Campaign uses restricted funds over a three-year period to recruit Purple Heart recipients and post 9/11 veterans as approved by the Council of Administration. The campaign also provides for current Purple Heart recipients who are annual members to be placed in a monthly drawing for an upgrade to Life Member.

Who Qualifies: A veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal. A veteran who has been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal which includes the Inherent Resolve Campaign medal.



The awarding of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is not an automatic qualification. The operation it was awarded must have been either Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, or Freedom's Sentinel.

How to Sign Up: If a qualifying veteran wants to sign up as a Member-at-Large, submit the contact information to the State Adjutant for processing. If the qualifying veteran wants to become a member of the Post, the Post shall follow Sections 102 and 103 of the Manual of Procedure for new members. Upon application approval by the Post membership, the Post Quartermaster shall enter the veteran's information into the Online Membership System (OMS) and pay the \$31.50 membership fee.

How to Receive Reimbursement: The Post shall submit a copy of the application and proof of dues payment to the State Quartermaster. The State Quartermaster shall approve reimbursement of \$31.50 per qualifying member and a check will be mailed to the Post.

Purple Heart Membership Upgrade: Current Annual Members who have received the Purple Heart Medal, can submit proof of their Purple Heart to the State Adjutant. All qualifying members will have their name submitted for a monthly drawing for a Life Membership.

Any questions should be submitted to the State Adjutant/Quartermaster at meier@vfwca.org.