

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Bill honoring Purple Heart recipients heads to President's desk

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) today applauded the House passage of their bipartisan [National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act](#). The bill, which was passed by unanimous consent, requires the U.S. Mint to create a commemorative coin honoring Purple Heart recipients and the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. The bill now awaits the President's signature to become law.

"Behind every Purple Heart is a story of incredible bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country," said Rep. Mike Gallagher. "This bill helps ensure that the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor can continue to tell these stories for generations to come, and provides Purple Heart recipients with well-deserved recognition of their heroism. I couldn't be prouder to work with Rep. Maloney on this legislation and look forward to seeing the President sign it into law."

"Supporting our veterans and honoring our Purple Heart recipients is something we can all agree with – and this bipartisan bill proves that. I'm proud this bill, which I've worked for years to pass, is headed to the President's desk," said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. "This bill honors our Purple Heart veterans, bolsters the important work of the Purple Heart Hall of Honor and the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, and brings business to the West Point Mint right here in the Hudson Valley. I thank Senator Schumer, the dedicated team at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, and the Purple Heart Honor Mission for their partnership in making this bill a law." Click [HERE](#) to download a video statement from Rep. Gallagher available for broadcast/distribution.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act authorizes the U.S. Treasury to mint \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins at the United States Mint at West Point for the 2022 year. After production costs are recouped by the U.S. Treasury, proceeds from sales of the coin will be directed to the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, Inc. Those resources will help the organization augment their “Honor Flight style” Purple Heart Patriot Project program and create a new Mobile Tribute and Education Center that will visit communities across the nation bringing the story of the Purple Heart to a whole new generation of Americans.

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. General George Washington named West Point the most important strategic position in America during the Revolutionary War which is when the military decoration first originated. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor’s mission is to collect and preserve the stories of Purple Heart recipients from all branches of service and across generations to serve as a living memorial to their sacrifice. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act has been endorsed by: The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Senator Bob Dole, Armed Forces Marketing Council, American Military Retirees Association, American Military Society, AMVETS, Army Navy Union, Association of the United States Navy, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Korean War Veterans Foundation, Military Order of Foreign Wars, National Defense Committee, National Enlisted Reserve Association, Reserve Officers Association, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, The Flag and General Officers Network, The Retired Enlisted Association, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.