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Mr. David Stein
Commander, American Legion Department of Virginia
1708 Commonwealth Avenue
Richmond, VA 23230

Dear Mr. Stein,

As you may know, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, NY. Our 7500-foot facility includes exhibits, artifacts and Purple Heart recipient stories, which offer visitors an incredible journey through our country's military history as well as the reminders of human sacrifice and the cost of freedom.

The Purple Heart is one of the most recognized and respected medals awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who were killed or wounded by enemy action, and The Hall of Honor is the nation's sole repository dedicated to the collection and preservation of the stories of these Purple Heart recipients.

The primary way in which we share the stories of Purple Heart recipients is through the Roll of Honor, our electronic database, which is accessible in our main gallery and on our website (www.thepurpleheart.com). However, because there is no comprehensive list of recipients upon which to draw, our database represents only a fraction of the estimated 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients. We rely on friends, family and the recipients to share their information with us to build the Roll of Honor.

I am writing to you to request your support and assistance in honoring Purple Heart recipients through enrollment in the Roll of Honor database. You can help by sharing our information with your Post Commanders and encouraging them to seek out recipients who are interested in sharing their stories with us. Enrollment is free, and Purple Heart recipients simply need to complete the enclosed enrollment form and send it to the Hall of Honor along with copies of the supporting documents. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 845.561.1765 if you would like additional information or have any questions.

Many thanks in advance for your time and assistance. We truly appreciate your support in helping us to preserve the legacy of those who sacrificed so much for our country.

Sincerely,

Anita Pidala

Director

