



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for July 2019

We are now collecting 2020 membership year dues now. Remember that dues are now \$25. All PUFL members are fined \$5 – just because

We also need to get our list of officers and directeurs for 2020 together since we have not had a Promenade for a couple of months. So if there is a position you are interested in please let me know.

The Purple Heart is a US military decoration awarded to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the US military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members. The original Purple Heart (i.e. Badge of Military Merit) was established by George Washington – then the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army – on August 7, 1782. The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington himself. General Washington authorized his subordinate officers to issue Badges of Merit as appropriate. From then on, as its legend grew, so did its appearance. Although never abolished, the award of the badge was not proposed again officially until after WWI. Today the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the US to any member of the Armed Forces of the US who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the US Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed. The Purple Heart differs from most other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria. A Purple Heart is awarded for the first wound suffered under conditions indicated above, but for each subsequent award an oak leaf cluster or 5/16 inch star is worn in lieu of another medal. Not more than one award will be made for more than one wound or injury received at the same instant.

A "wound" is defined as an injury to any part of the body from an outside force or agent sustained under one or more of the conditions listed above. A physical lesion is not required; however, the wound for which the award is made must have required treatment by a medical officer and records of medical treatment for wounds or injuries received in action must have been made a matter of official record. When contemplating an award of this decoration, the key issue that commanders must take into consideration is the degree to which the enemy caused the injury. The fact that the proposed recipient was participating in direct or indirect combat operations is a necessary prerequisite but is not sole justification for award. The Purple Heart is not awarded for non-combat injuries.

Don't forget Voiture 1379 Annual ChicNic will be held August 17th at Post 61 Kansas City. Please remember to bring an item to be used as a door prize item.
Veteran's Creed

This month's Promenade will be on July 24th at Post 61 Kansas City, MO with dinner at 18:00 HRS and the Promenade will begin at 19:00 HRS.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation and the 40et8 through Voiture 1379. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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