

# The 2022 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coins

*An Historic Tribute to Our Purple Heart Heroes*



Our nation pays tribute to our fallen heroes and combat-wounded in so many ways, but never before has our nation told the story of their sacrifice through official U.S. Mint-issued coins. The National Purple Heart Honor Mission led the historic effort to develop the nation's first coins honoring our more than 1.8 million Purple Heart heroes. These limited-edition legal tender commemorative coins, unveiled on Veterans Day 2021, are now available in three denominations - \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins – in both proof and uncirculated condition from the U.S. Mint.

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## \$5 Gold Coin

*Minted at the West Point Mint*

The \$5 Gold Coin begins the story of the Purple Heart, one of America's oldest military decorations. On August 7, 1782, Continental Army General George Washington, from his headquarters in Newburgh, New York, issued orders establishing the Badge of Military Merit. The awarded was made from purple cloth, shaped in the form of a heart with the word "Merit" stitched into it.

To reflect the historic nature of the Purple Heart, the Gold Coin's obverse features the current Purple Heart medal, while the reverse honors the Father of our Country by placing George Washington's signature under the Badge of Military Merit.

## Half-Dollar Clad Coin

*Proof Minted at the San Francisco Mint – Uncirculated Minted at the Denver Mint*

The cost of freedom is paid in many ways by many people, from the amputee and those who bear unseen scars of war, to the families left behind by a hero who gave their all.

The obverse of the Clad Coin features a figure in military fatigues and combat boots using a pair of crutches. On the reverse, a young boy holds a Marine's dress cap, with the silhouette of his father standing behind him in negative space.



## \$1 Silver Coin

*Minted at the West Point Mint*

The \$1 Silver Coin, available in traditional and colored versions, picks up the story of the Purple Heart in the 20th century after General Douglas MacArthur revived Washington's award in 1932 "out of respect to his memory and military achievements." On May 28, 1932, 136 World War I veterans were conferred their Purple Hearts at Temple Hill, in New Windsor, New York. Today, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located on the site near where these heroes received their medals.

The Silver Coin's obverse side features the phrase "COMBAT WOUNDED & KILLED IN ACTION," a sentiment reflected on the reverse side, where a combat nurse administers aid to a service member.



## Helping Tell Stories of Valor

These coins are a lasting tribute to our nation's heroes and sales will ensure their stories are told to a whole new generation. Surcharges in the amount of \$35 for each gold coin, \$10 dollars for each silver coin, and \$5 for each clad coin sold have been authorized by the U.S. government to be paid to the National Purple Heart Honor Mission to support the organization's work educating all Americans about the sacrifice of our Purple Heart recipients.



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