

MADEIRA BEACH – BECOMING A PURPLE HEART CITY

Purpose:

To formally recognize and honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were wounded or killed in combat and received the Purple Heart.

Steps for Madeira Beach:

- **Contact the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)** and coordinate with the local chapter/Purple Heart Trail program.
- **Adopt a City Proclamation or Resolution** formally designating the **City of Madeira Beach** as a Purple Heart City.
- **Approve the designation at a Board of Commissioners meeting** and invite local Purple Heart recipients, veterans, military families and MOPH representatives to attend.
- **Submit the City's approved designation to MOPH** for recognition as part of the Purple Heart Trail and inclusion on its list of Purple Heart communities.
- **Install Purple Heart City signage** at appropriate entrances into Madeira Beach.
- **Create permanent local recognition at the Madeira Beach Military Court of Honor**, such as a Purple Heart City plaque or marker.
- **Recognize Purple Heart Day annually on August 7** through a proclamation, ceremony, City communication and/or optional, recognition at the Military Court of Honor.

Proposed Commission Action

Authorize staff to begin the Purple Heart City designation process and return to the Board with the formal proclamation/resolution, proposed signage locations and associated costs.

EXAMPLE OF SIGNAGE:

