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News Release

Commissioners Honor Purple Heart Recipients

March 4, 2014, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday adopted a proclamation honoring the Military Order of the Purple Heart and declaring Union County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Wounded Warriors Chapter 634 requested that Union County consider joining other North Carolina counties in becoming a Purple Heart County. The Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States.

The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget the sacrifices made by those so decorated.

Union County residents have participated in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States since the nation's founding and there have been many Union County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom and numerous combat-wounded veterans and Purple Heart Recipients who live within Union County and contribute to our community in countless ways.

North Carolina was the third state in the nation to become a Purple Heart State, and Union County joins several of its surrounding counties as a Purple Heart County.