



PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS (STATE BY STATE) [Revised December 2014]

This summary provides details on each state's Purple Heart License Plate program to include cost, step by step procedures to acquire them, and whether or not a surviving spouse can use them. MOPH members are encouraged to acquire the Purple Heart Plate.

As this information is constantly changing, please forward any changes you encounter to the National Adjutant (communications@purpleheart.org).

Currently, nine states offer free plates and registration for Purple Heart recipients. Eighteen states offer free plates, but require payment of normal registration fees. The rest of the states have a varying mix of costs for plates and registration, with Illinois being the most expensive at an annual cost of \$196 for plates and registration.

Action. This summary can be used to guide MOPH Departments and Chapters in gaining free or very low admin fees for Purple Heart plates in their states by working with their legislatures.

Of interest, the Connecticut and New Jersey Purple Heart license plate programs are administered by Purple Heart members in the name of the State. If this can be achieved in other states, it would greatly benefit MOPH as MOPH membership is required to get the plates.

Just [CLICK] on state of interest to see details.

Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina
Alaska	Iowa	Nevada	South Dakota
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
California	Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah
Colorado	Maine	New York	Vermont
Connecticut	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	
Illinois	Montana	Rhode Island	

ALABAMA



COST: There are two PH plates – standard and one with handicapped symbol.

Standard Plate. There is no fee for the **standard plate** and the first set of plates is exempt from registration fees (but not ad valorem taxes). For additional

standard plates, there's still no fee for the plates, but you must pay both registration fees and ad valorem taxes for each set. The standard PH plate is permanent.

Handicapped Plate. Same single and multiple plate costs as for standard plates, but you must also submit an *Application for Disability Access Parking Privileges* (MVR 32-6-230-12). Motorcycle and personalized plates are not available. There's no limit on the number of plates a registrant may obtain as long as you pay the fees.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to your local county Veterans Service Office (VSO) with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and obtain an affidavit stating eligibility for PH plates.
- GO to your local County Licensing Office with your VSO affidavit, vehicle registration/title, driver's license and complete application for the PH plate. County Office will issue or order plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouses can retain standard PH plates as long as they remain unmarried, but surviving spouses with handicapped plates must turn them in when PH recipient dies.

PHONE: 334-242-1170

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ALASKA



COST: The PH plates are free for registered vehicles. Patriots certified as handicapped get the wheelchair logo on their plates and have the registration fee waived. To qualify for the handicapped plate, you must bring in a letter from the VA stating you are 50% or more disabled. Motorcycle plate and personalization not available.

PROCEDURES:

- GO to your local DMV Office with registration, proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), and FILL out a “Vehicle Transaction Application” Form. In the special plate type section, write “Purple Heart Plate.”
- If plates not available at office, they will mail to you within two business days.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse must turn in PH plates and re-register vehicle upon death of sponsor, paying regular registration fees and getting standard plates.

PHONE: 907-269-5551

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ARIZONA



COST: Initial cost of non-personalized PH plates is \$25 for a registered vehicle or motorcycle and annual renewal is \$5. Plates can be personalized for an additional fee. The vehicle plates can have five characters and the motorcycle plates four characters. Handicapped symbol can be added to the plates with doctor’s certification. *Plate also may be issued to spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of veteran eligible for the plate.*

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local DMV Office where all applicable forms for the PH plate and registration, if required, are available. Be sure to take the proof of PH award (DD-214 or 215 or similar documentation) with you when applying. If the plates are mailed, there’s postage and handling fee of \$1.50.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: May use PH plates without restriction by paying the annual \$25 renewal fee.

PHONE: 602-255-0072

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ARKANSAS



COST: Both PH plates and vehicle registration are free for one vehicle, although you may pay some miscellaneous administrative fees, such as a title fee. You can have one additional set of plates for \$3.75. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available on PH plates.

PROCEDURE: GO to your local Arkansas Revenue Office with your proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and complete the appropriate forms.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: One PH plate can be reissued to surviving spouse at the

regular registration fee for the vehicle. Surviving spouses who are not joint owners of the vehicle must present a marriage license and death certificate.

PHONE: 800-941-2580

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CALIFORNIA



COST: PH plates are free for initial issue to a registered vehicle or motorcycle. If vehicle or motorcycle is un-registered, member must pay regular registration fee, based on type of vehicle and location, plus a CHP (California Highway Patrol) fee.

Personalization and handicapped symbol not available. Plate replacement cost is \$18.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to your local DMV office with proof of registration and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other); complete Form REG 17A, *Special License Plate Application*.
- If you need to register the vehicle as well, then complete Form REG 343 and pay the appropriate fees. With registration, there's a Verification of Vehicle procedure.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse can retain plates.

PHONE: 1-800-777-0133

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COLORADO



COST: The initial set of PH plates is free for a registered vehicle or motorcycle. Additional plates will cost \$50 plus regular registration fee. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

- Only **one** site: GO to: DMV, Department of Revenue, 1881 Pierce Street, Lakewood CO.
- Take proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and copy of the Colorado title, Colorado registration, Colorado Title complete notice, or Colorado title receipt, and proof of insurance on vehicle.
- COMPLETE Form DR 2223, *Application for Purple Heart License Plates*. Office will issue or mail plates.

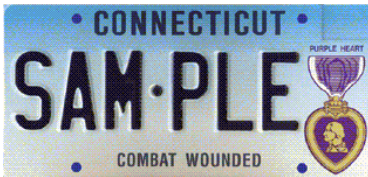
SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plate – must be turned in to County Motor

Vehicle Office upon death of PH recipient and vehicle re-registered at standard fees.

PHONE: 303-205-5607

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CONNECTICUT



COST: \$10 (One time cost) for a vehicle registered in Connecticut. Vanity or personalized plate is a one-time fee of \$79. Motorcycle plates and plates with handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURES:

Contact MOPH member Charles P. Gallagher at (203) 468-9722/ (Cell) 203-687-6217 or email: cpq8103@netscape.net. Proof of Purple Heart Award and membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart is required. He will send you the necessary forms to be submitted to DMV and, if required, application for membership in the MOPH.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as they remain unmarried and pay the required registration fees.

MULTIPLE PLATES: Multiple plates may be requested provided the PH recipients name is listed on each of the registration forms.

COMMENT: Patriot Gallagher is the MOPH Connecticut Judge Advocate and belongs to Chapter 0103. He is authorized by the Connecticut DMV to adjudicate and approve the issue of Purple Heart License Plates. He also actively promotes membership in MOPH when non-MOPH Purple Heart holders apply for the plate.

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DELAWARE



COST: One-time fee of \$10 for the PH plate, but you must continue to have vehicle inspected and pay registration fees. Only one plate can be issued. Not available for motorcycles. Personalization and handicapped symbol also not available.

PROCEDURES:

GO to your local DMV office with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and complete *Application for Purple Heart Recipient License Plate*.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plate – it must be returned to the DMV within 90 days after sponsor's death.

PHONE: 302-326-5000

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FLORIDA



COST: All license plates, including the PH plate, cost \$28 to \$36 plus the annual vehicle registration fees based on the vehicle's weight. Motorcycle plates are not available and personalization and handicapped symbols are not available on the PH plate. One PH plate may be issued at a reduced rate with proof of service connected disability rated at 100%.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local County Tax Collector Office with vehicle documentation and proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), complete Form HSMV 83034, and submit payment as advised. Take proof of 100% disability if applicable.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as she remains unmarried, paying regular annual registration fees.

PHONE: 941-861-8300 (Sarasota Tax Office)

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GEORGIA



– “US NAVY”

COST: Both PH plate and vehicle registration are free for one passenger car or motorcycle, without any annual fees. One additional plate can be purchased for \$25 plus annual registration fees of \$25. Georgia now issues PH Plates with the service of the recipient included as in the example

PROCEDURE:

GO to local County Tag Office with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other), and COMPLETE appropriate application. County Tag Office will copy your documentation and issue or order plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the plates after sponsor's death provided he/she does not re-marry by submitting DD-214, copy of veteran's death certificate, and paying applicable registration fees and ad valorem tax to County Tag Office.

PHONE: 404-417-4477

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HAWAII

Hawaii does not have a state-wide Department of Motor Vehicles, but leaves that function up to its four counties: City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. All have the same costs and procedures, but you have to go to your local DMV office to



be serviced. No mail option.

COST: One-time cost of \$5.50 for the PH plates and the first emblem of expiration. But you still must pay follow-on annual registration & emblem fees. Motorcycle plates, personalization, and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURES:

GO to your local DMV office (Satellite City Halls in Honolulu Country) with current registration, current inspection slip, current license plates, and proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other). FILL out PH plate application and pay appropriate fees.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plates and must re-register for a regular plate. However, can keep one of the two PH plates as a remembrance.

PHONE: 808-532-4324 (Honolulu Office)

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IDAHO



COST: For a registered vehicle, PH plate is an initial cost of \$6, plus mail fee of \$2.60. This will be effective for seven years from date of issue and then you'll have to pay the fees again to keep the plate. Registration, if required, would be an additional fee at the regular rate, based on year of vehicle.

Motorcycle plates and handicapped symbol will be available in January 2015. Personalization is not available.

PROCEDURE:

- **First issue only by mail.**
- GO to: www.itd.idaho.gov
- PRINT and COMPLETE Form ITD 3682, *Military License Plates*. Note that there is no payment schedule – either include your credit card number or wait for a bill. You can call 1-208-334-8655 after you've mailed your form for the exact amount being charged.
- MAIL or FAX completed form with proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) to Idaho Transportation Department, Special Plates, PO Box 7129, Boise ID 83707-1129.
- For renewals, you can go to a local County Assessor's Office.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the plates, but must pay annual regular registration fees.

PHONE: 208-334-8649

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ILLINOIS

COST: There's a \$ 196 annual fee for a vehicle registration and PH plate combination. Annual renewal is \$101. PH plate can be personalized when requested at no additional charge. Motorcycle plate and handicapped symbol not available.



PROCEDURE:

- GO to Office of the Secretary of State, 501 S 2nd Street, Howlett Building, Room 541, Springfield IL 62756, with proof of vehicle registration and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), and complete application form.
- PH recipient can apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles registered in his or her name but it will cost regular registration fees for each one.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: May obtain or retain these plates, but must pay annual fees for PH plate and vehicle registration.

PHONE: 217-785-4175

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INDIANA



COST: PH plates are free for a registered vehicle. Personalization and handicapped symbol and motorcycle plates not available.

PROCEDURE:

Combination of mail and in person:

- GO to: <http://www.in.gov/bmv/2713.htm> and click on “Download Form 32584.”
- PRINT State Form 32584 titled *Certification of Eligibility for Veteran License Plates*.
- COMPLETE form, ATTACH proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), and MAIL to Department of Veteran Affairs, 302 West Washington Street, Room E-120, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2738 or F AX to 1-317-232-7721.
- Department of Veteran Affairs will return approved certification. Form 32584, by mail.
- GO to: local BMV (Bureau of Motor Vehicle) office with approved Form 32584 and vehicle registration documents and complete application for free PH plate.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plates; must turn in to BMV upon death of sponsor and apply for regular plates.

PARKING: Can park in handicapped spaces with PH plate.

PHONE: 317-233-6000

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IOWA



COST: One set of PH plates at no charge for a registered vehicle or motorcycle, but there is a \$5 annual validation fee. For a personalized PH plate, it is \$25 for the first set and \$50 for the second or subsequent sets, with annual validation fees of \$5. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to your local County Treasurer’s Office with proof of vehicle registration and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other)
- COMPLETE Form 411260, Special Plate Application, and pay appropriate fee.
- Plates will be sent to that office who will notify you when the plates are ready.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as she remains unmarried, but must pay \$5 annual validation fee.

PHONE: 515-237-3110

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KANSAS



COST: PH plates are free, but you must pay registration fees and property taxes. No personalization or handicapped symbol is available. However, you can add not more than two decals for other medals and ribbons (listed on your DD 214) to your PH plate at \$2 each.

PROCEDURE:

- You must be a resident of Kansas.
- GO to your local County Treasurer’s Office with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and vehicle registration papers.
- COMPLETE application for plate and PAY the appropriate fee.
- Office will issue plate or request it from State.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use the plate, but can keep it as a remembrance. Must then register vehicle at regular rates and receive a regular plate.

PHONE: 785-296-3621

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KENTUCKY



COST: Initial fee for PH plate for registered vehicles and motorcycles is \$26, with an annual renewal fee of \$14. (Note: if the car is already registered with a regular plate, you may have to re-register to get the PH plate.) The plate can be personalized for an additional \$25 each year.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local County Clerk’s Office with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other), COMPLETE application, and PAY fee. Office will issue PH plate.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the plate indefinitely by paying annual registration rate.

PHONE: 502-564-5301

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LOUISIANA



COST: Free, lifetime PH plates for all vehicles registered in applicant's name, but must pay one-time admin fee for each plate. Motorcycle plate, handicapped symbol, and personalization not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to: local OMV full service office with appropriate vehicle documentation and proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other); complete form provided; and pay one-time administrative fee of \$11.50. Some OMV offices, particularly the main one in Baton Rouge, will issue the plate while you wait. Others will either process the paper work and have the plate mailed to you or just refer you to the Baton Rouge phone number: 1-225-925-6146.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the plate until death or re-marriage. If multiple plates were issued, only one can be retained.

PHONE: 877-368-5463

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MAINE



COST: Both PH plate and registration are free, but you must pay municipal excise (property) tax on each vehicle or motorcycle. Personalization is available for annual fee of \$25. Handicapped symbol not available. You can get two sets of plates for your vehicles and one for a motorcycle.

PROCEDURES:

GO to a local Motor Vehicle Branch Office or Municipal Office and request application for Purple Heart plate. Show DD 214 for proof of award and receipt for payment of excise tax. You may have up to two passenger vehicles and one motorcycle registered with PH plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as she remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the PH plate on motor vehicles, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon death of surviving spouse, the family may retain the PH plates but not use them on a motor vehicle.

PHONE: 207-624-9055

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MARYLAND



COST: One-time fee of \$25 for the PH plate plus regular registration based on weight of vehicle or motorcycle. Standard renewal registration must be paid annually. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to: local MVA full service office with appropriate vehicle documentation and proof of PH award (DD-214 or other), complete Form VR-120, and pay PH plate and registration fee. If you go to the Glen Burnie MVA office, the plates will be issued while you wait. If you use the other local MVA offices, the plates will be mailed to you.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates until remarriage, paying annual registration fee, *if the vehicle was registered in both names*. If only registered in sponsor’s name, then plates must be turned in and car re-registered for regular plates.

PHONE: 410-768-7174

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MASSACHUSETTS



COST: Free PH plate for registered vehicles and motorcycles. (PH recipients eligible for one set of plates for each PH medal received.) Motorcycle plates must be renewed annually and vehicle plates every two years. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available.

Plates must be renewed every two years at no cost.

PROCEDURE:

GO to local Registry of Motor Vehicle (RMV) office with current registration, signed and stamped RMV 1 or 3 Form from your insurance agent, valid e-mail address, driver’s license, and proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and complete application.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as he or she remains unmarried.

PHONE: 617-351-4500

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MICHIGAN



COST: PH plate is available in either the standard (white with a blue bar) design or the Spectacular Peninsulas design. For a registered vehicle, the annual fee is \$5 for the standard design and \$10 for the Spectacular.

Personalization costs an additional \$30. Not available for motorcycles. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local Secretary of State Branch Office with proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), proof of registration and insurance, COMPLETE Form BDVR-87,

Application for Veteran License Plates, and PAY appropriate fee. If needed, this office can register your vehicle.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as he or she remains unmarried and pays regular annual vehicle registration fee and annual PH plate fee.

PHONE: 888-767-6424

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MINNESOTA



COST: \$20.00 one-time cost (\$10 for PH plate and \$10.00 filing fee) for registered vehicles and motorcycles. Handicapped symbol can be added at no extra cost (doctor has to sign section on application). Personalization not available.

PROCEDURE:

- Vehicle must be registered in Minnesota.
- GO to local Deputy Registrar Office with proof of PH award (**certified** copy of DD-214 or other), proof of registration and complete Application for Special Plates. Pay one time fee and get plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use the PH plates but can keep one plate as a souvenir. Must re-register vehicle for regular plate.

PHONE: 651-296-6911

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MISSISSIPPI



COST: The PH plate is free, except for a \$2.50 mailing fee, for a vehicle or motorcycle owned by a Purple Heart recipient. Personalization or handicapped symbol not available. Second PH plate for another vehicle requires full payment of registration and associated fees.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local Tax Collector Office with proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), proof of registration and insurance, and pay mailing fee. If you need to register your vehicle, it can be done at this office.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as he or she remains unmarried and pays the \$2.50 mailing fee for the free plate.

PHONE: 601-923-7000

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MISSOURI



COST: Initial set of PH plates for a registered vehicle or motorcycle is free. Pay \$15 for additional sets of PH plates. Personalization available for an annual fee of \$15. Handicapped symbol available at no fee with submission of Form DOR-1776.

PROCEDURE:

GO to local Contract Licensing Office with proof of registration and insurance, proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and Form DOR-1776, *A Physician's Statement for Disable Person's License Plates*, if handicapped symbol desired. Complete Form 4601 and pay personalization fee, if desired.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use PH plate until expiration, then must re-register and pay regular annual plate and registration fees.

PHONE: 573-751-4509

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MONTANA



COST: \$20 annual fee (\$10 production fee/\$10 cemetery fee) for a registered vehicle. If disability is 50% or more, then the \$10 cemetery fee is waived. Motorcycles have just the \$10 production fee. Personalization is available for an initial cost of \$25 and then \$10 for annual renewal.

Handicapped symbol also may be available at no cost with submission of Form MV-5 that requires a doctor's certification.

PROCEDURE. GO to your local County Treasurer's Office with your registration/title, driver's license, and proof of PH award (DD-214 or other). Office will provide application, determine your fees, and issue plates. If you need to register your auto, there's set rates based on the year of your vehicle, plus a county option tax.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the PH plate as long as he or she remains unmarried and pays the annual fees for plate and registration.

PHONE: 406-444-3661

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NEBRASKA



COST: \$5 for initial PH plate and then annual cost of \$5 to renew for a registered vehicle or motorcycle. The plate cannot be personalized or carry a handicapped symbol. You can buy additional PH plates at the same fees.

PROCEDURE:

- a. GO to: dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/pdf/prplhe
- b. PRINT and COMPLETE Form *Application for Purple Heart License Plate*.
- c. ATTACH proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and MAIL to Nebraska

Department of Motor Vehicles address at bottom of form.

d. Once approved, DMV will send written notification to applicant, advising when plates will be available at a local County Treasurer's Office.

e. TAKE that notification to the local County Treasurer's Office, pay the appropriate fees and be processed for the PH plate.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use the plate and must turn it in upon death of sponsor.

PHONE: 402-471-3918

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NEVADA



COST: Two sets of PH plates are free for registered vehicles and motorcycles. You must pay registration and any other associated fees. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

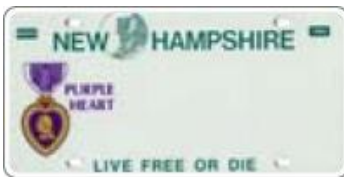
- Application must be made in person at a **full service DMV Office**
- GO to nearest full service DMV office with registration/inspection papers and proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and complete Form SP43, *Purple Heart License Plate Application*
- DMV will issue or order plates to be mailed to you.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plates when sponsor dies; must surrender plates and re-register at regular rates.

PHONE: 877-368-7828

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NEW HAMPSHIRE



COST: One free set of PH plates for one registered vehicle and one registered motorcycle. Vanity or personalized plates are available for \$40. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to local city/town Clerk's office where you reside to pay local fees and receive vehicle registration application. If vanity plates desired, also complete *Application for Initial Plates* (Form DSMV 40)
- GO to Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305 and submit vehicle/plate applications, proof of registration, proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), pay appropriate fees.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates until death or re-marriage by paying all required registration fees.

PHONE: 603-227-4000

NEW JERSEY



COST: \$25 one-time fee for the PH plate, plus normal registration fees for vehicle. Motorcycle plates, personalization, and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE: The PH license plate program in New Jersey is administered by Patriot Neil Van Ess, 973-930-3079, Email: nvehunter@aol.com. Contact him for an application and guidance on the process. Lifetime membership in MOPH, now \$50, is a mandatory requirement for PH plates according to New Jersey Motor Vehicle law.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: If an Associate Member or member of the Ladies Auxiliary, spouse can use plates after sponsor's death. Contact Patriot Van Ess if there are any questions.

PHONE: 973-930-3079

NEW MEXICO



COST: Two free sets of PH plates (no plate or registration fee) for vehicles and motorcycles. However, excise tax and title fees must be paid. Handicapped symbol & personalization not available.

PROCEDURE:

In person:

Not available

By Mail:

- GO to www.dvs.state.nm.us/forms/mvd10353.pdf
- COMPLETE and print Application for Military Service Plate (Form MVD10353).
- TAKE Form and proof of PH award to local Department of Veteran Services for approval. Go to <http://www.dvs.state.nm.us/field.html> for location of your nearest office.
- MAIL approved form and proof of PH award (copy of DD 214 or other) to Vehicle Services Bureau, PO Box 1028, Santa Fe NM 87504-1028.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plate – must return when sponsor dies.

PHONE: 888-683-4636

NEW YORK



COST: One-time PH plate fee of \$28.75 for a registered vehicle and \$16.25 for a motorcycle.) If you want the plate personalized, it will be \$60 for the initial vehicle plate, with an annual renewal fee of \$31.50, and \$35 for the initial motorcycle plate, with an annual renewal fee of \$18.50.

There's no charge to add the handicapped symbol to the plate, but a doctor has to sign off on Form MV 664, *Application for Metered Parking Waiver for Disable People*. (Form available at local DMV offices or at website below.

PROCEDURE:

- PH plates **can only be ordered by mail** from the Custom Plates Unit.
- GO to: <http://www.dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv412.pdf>
- SCROLL down to "Military and Veterans Custom Plates Application (Form MV-214)
- COMPLETE form, enclose proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and payment for plates. DMV can advise on custom plates cost and procedures at 518-402-4838.
- MAIL application to: Department of Motor Vehicles, Custom Plates Unit, PO Box 2775, Albany NY 12220-0775.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the plates after sponsor's death; DMV will transfer plates, registration and title to surviving spouse at no fee.

PHONE: 518-402-4838

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NORTH CAROLINA



COST: PH plate is free for a registered vehicle. Personalization has an annual cost of \$30. Handicapped symbol not available. Not available for motorcycles.

PROCEDURE:

GO to http://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/Plates_MVR33A.pdf which brings up Form MVR 33A, *Military Veteran's Registration Plate Application*.

SELECT "Purple Heart Recipient" or Purple Heart Recipient Motorcycle"

COMPLETE and PRINT form.

GO to nearest NC Division of Veterans Affairs Office with proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other *) and have form endorsed. For nearest office, go to:

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/locations/>

GO to your local License Plate Agency and present endorsed form, proof of registration and insurance. Plate will be issued or ordered and mailed to you.

***North Carolina accepts MOPH Life membership card as proof of PH award.**

SURVIVING SPOUSE: If spouse is on registration and remains single, he or she can use the plates for fee as long as the vehicle is registered. If spouse is not on registration, then the plates must be returned and the vehicle re-registered for a regular plate.

PHONE: 919-715-7000

NORTH DAKOTA



COST: \$15 initial fee for PH plate for a registered vehicle, with \$10 annual renewal fee. Registration fee is based on vehicle year & weight. Personalized plates are available for \$25 annual fee. Motorcycle plate not available. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to a local MVD office (ex- “Fargo Motor Vehicle Branch Office”) and get Form SFN 51628 – *Application for North Dakota Veterans’ Number Plate*.
- COMPLETE form and take it to a local Veterans’ Service Office (VSO) (local MVD office can tell you where) with your proof of PH award (DD-214 or other). The VSO will verify your eligibility with a statement at the bottom of the form.
- RETURN to the MVD office with your verified application and pay relevant fees. Registration and plates will be mailed to you.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plates after spouse’s death and must re-register and return PH plates.

PHONE: 701-328-2725

OHIO



COST: Free standard PH plate for registered vehicles and motorcycles. Personalized PH plates cost \$37.50 annually in addition to the annual vehicle registration fee. Motorcycle plate not available. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to local Deputy Registrar Office with proof of PH award, vehicle title, and driver’s license. Office will provide application form, and then issue registration card, validation sticker, and county sticker. PH plates will then be mailed to you.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use plates – must return them when PH recipient dies.

PHONE: 614-752-7800

OKLAHOMA

COST:

Purple Heart License Plate. \$3 initial and \$1.50 annual renewal costs for PH plates on a registered vehicle or motorcycle. Personalization and handicapped symbol not available.



Military Multi-Decoration License Plate. Oklahoma now has **two** unique Military Multi-Decoration License Plates:

- On the first, you can display any three of the following six medals: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Service Award, and Ex-POW. Cost is same as for PH plate and it can be personalized at no extra cost.
- On the second, you can display five of the medals, but it cannot be personalized. Cost is same as for PH plate.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local Tag Agent Office with proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other evidence)

COMPLETE appropriate forms, Form 751-K for Purple Heart plate and Form 751-C for multi decoration plate, and pay required fees. Tag Agent will either issue plates or have them mailed to you.

If you're applying for either of the multi-Decoration License plates, ensure that your DD-214 or other documentation supports award of the three or five medals chosen for display on the plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use the PH plate by paying annual renewal fee, but must turn in plates if he or she re-marries. Cannot use the Multi-Decoration plate and must turn it in upon sponsor's death and re-register vehicle for regular tags.

PHONE: 405-521-3221

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OREGON



COST: PH plate is \$10 for two years for a registered vehicle and then must be renewed. It's \$20 for four years for a new vehicle and then must be renewed. Motorcycle plates, personalization and the handicapped symbol are not available. [Note: A portion of the plate fees goes to MOPH

Oregon.]

PROCEDURES:

In person:

- GO to your local DMV office with proof of PH award (DD-214, MOPH Life Membership Card, or other proof),
- FILL out Form 735-6940, *Group Plate Eligibility Certification*, for just the plate, if vehicle is already registered, and Form 735-268, *Application for Registration, etc.*, if vehicle also needs to be registered. (Write "Purple Heart Plates" in the block titled "Special Plates.")
- PAY appropriate fees – DMV office will order plates to be mailed.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use the plates, but will be issued a new plate for rest of registration period and then can re-register for \$15. Can keep PH plates as a remembrance if desired.

PHONE: 503-945-5000

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PENNSYLVANIA



COST: One-time fee of \$11.00 for PH plate for vehicles currently registered. Personalization, handicapped symbol, and motorcycle plate not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 1101 S. Front Street, Harrisburg PA 17104-2516 with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other), complete "Application for Special U. S. Military Vehicle Registration Plate" and pay one-time fee. BMD will issue plate as you wait.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse must turn in plates and re-register upon death of sponsor.

PHONE: 717-412

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RHODE ISLAND



COST: Both PH plate and registration are **free**. Personalization, handicapped symbol, and motorcycle version not available.

PROCEDURES: GO to local Department of Motor Vehicle office with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and complete application.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Plates may be transferred to surviving spouse for the spouse's lifetime or until he or she remarries.

PHONE: 401-462-4368

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SOUTH CAROLINA



COST: Two sets of PH plates free for registered vehicles or motorcycles. You can purchase a third set for \$30 plus standard regular registration. Personalization is not available, but handicapped symbol is available for both plates with submission of doctor's certification that you're permanently handicapped.

PROCEDURE:

- Only by mail.
- GO to



<http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/MV-37.pdf>

- PRINT and COMPLETE Form MV-37, *Application or Military License Plate*.
- ATTACH proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and copy of latest tax receipt, doctor's certification (DMV Form RG-007) if applying for disabled plate and MAIL to S. C. Department of Motor Vehicle, PO Box 1498, Blythewood SC 29016-0008.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Cannot use the plate; must turn it in and re-register vehicle at regular rates.

PHONE: 803-896-5000

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SOUTH DAKOTA



COST: PH plates cost \$10 plus a \$5 mailing fee each year, but registration is free. Applicants are limited to two sets of plates. Personalization, handicapped symbol, and motorcycle plates are not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to local County Treasurer's Office with proof of PH award (DD214 or other) to get and submit Application for Special License Plates (MV 4000), along with payment. Registration and plates will be mailed later from DMV.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: After PH recipient's death, spouse must surrender plates to the County Treasurer's Office and re-register for regular plates.

PHONE: 605-773-3541

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TENNESSEE



COST: The PH plate is free for two registered vehicles or motorcycles, but you may purchase additional plates. Personalized and handicapped versions are not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local Resident County Clerk Office to fill out the necessary forms, present proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other), and show current registration or pay the appropriate registration fee.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse must turn PH plates and re-register for regular plates.

PHONE: 888-871-3171

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TEXAS



COST: You may apply for PH license plates if you are a recipient of the Purple Heart medal. There is a specialty plate annual fee of \$3 for the first set of plates for a registered vehicle or motorcycle. There is no specialty fee for additional sets of plates; however, you must pay registration and other applicable fees. Personalization is available for an annual fee of \$40.

Plate options are: PH or PH with international symbol of access (“Handicapped”)

PROCEDURE:

- GO to your local **County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Officer** (find office addresses at www.TxDMV.gov) with proof of PH award (Copy of DD-214 or other).
- COMPLETE Application for Military Recognition License Plates (Form VTR 442) and pay appropriate fees.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: An unmarried surviving spouse is eligible to continue to register one vehicle. Submit Form VTR-425 and provide proof of deceased spouse’s eligibility.

PHONE: 1-888-368-4689

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UTAH



COST: PH plate is free for a registered vehicle. You can personalize the plate (up to five characters), but it will cost \$55. Handicapped symbol not available for PH plates and motorcycle plates not available.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to nearest State DMV office and fill out Form TC-817, *Application for Personalized and Replacement License Plates*. Check the block for “Utah special group plate” and write in “Purple Heart.” If you also need to register the vehicle, fill out Form TC-656, *Application for Utah Title*.
- SHOW proof of PH award (Copy of DD-214 or MOPH Membership Card) and pay appropriate fees.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as she or he remains unmarried, but must continue to pay regular registration fees.

PHONE: 1-800-368-8824

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VERMONT



COST: Free for registered vehicles. Motorcycle plate not available. Handicapped and personalization not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to DMV main office in Montpelier or local Branch DMV office with proof of registration and PH award (certified copy of DD-214 or other). PH documentation **must** bear original stamp and certification of the State of Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs, 118 State Street, Drawer 20, Montpelier VT 05620-4401.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Can use plates as long as she remains unmarried.

PHONE: 802-828-2000

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VIRGINIA



COST: Both PH plate and registration are free for one vehicle or motorcycle. You can purchase additional PH plates, but must pay regular registration fees. Disabled symbol can be on plate with doctor's certification. PH plates can be personalized for \$10

annually.

PROCEDURE:

- GO to your local DMV office with proof of vehicle registration and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other).
- COMPLETE License Plate Application (Form VSA-10). Check "other" on the form and write in "Purple Heart Special Plate." Pay personalization plate fee if desired.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse can use plates as long as he or she does not re-marry.

PHONE: 804-497-7100

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WASHINGTON



COST: Initial fee for registered vehicle PH plates is \$32.75; initial fee for registered motorcycle PH plates is \$14.75. Both must be renewed yearly. Personalization is available for both plates – \$84.75 for vehicles and \$66.75 for motorcycles – both plates also require annual renewal. Handicapped

symbol not available.

PROCEDURE:

GO to your local Vehicle Licensing Office with your title, driver's license, and proof of vehicle registration and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other). Office will provide

applications for standard or personalized PH plates, determine your fee, and issue plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Surviving spouse can keep plates as long as he or she remains unmarried and pays annual registration fee.

PHONE: 360-902-3770

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WEST VIRGINIA



COST: Both registration and PH plate are free, but you must pay \$1.50 (\$.50 insurance enforcement fee and \$1.00 litter fee). Plate issued for ten years. Motorcycle plate and handicapped symbol not available. Additional PH plate available for \$40 for the first year and \$30 for succeeding years.

PROCEDURES

- GO to http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Forms/DMVLicensePlateApps/DMV-48B_Purple-Heart-License-Plate-wf.pdf
- PRINT form.
- FILL out Part I of the form.
- GO to nearest Division of Veterans Affairs office (Locations and phone numbers on second page of form) with proof of PH award (DD-214 or other) and get Part II of the form, *Certification*, completed.
- TAKE completed form to local DMV Regional Office, pay \$1.50 in fees, and get registration and plates.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: May retain PH plates until remarriage, non-renewal or death.

PHONE: 304-558-3900

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WISCONSIN



COST: One-time fee of \$15 for standard PH plate for registered vehicle. Initial fee of \$15 for a personalized PH plate for registered vehicle, then annual renewal fee of \$15. Not available for motorcycles. Handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURES:

In person: Not available.

By mail:

- GO to <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/forms/mv2653.pdf>
- PRINT and COMPLETE Form MV2653, *Military License Plate Application*
- ATTACH proof of PH award (copy of DD-214 or other) and payment (check or money order) made out to "Registration Fee Trust" for \$15 one-time fee or \$15 initial annual fee for personalized plates. You also need to include annual registration fee if current plates

expire within the next 3 months. Check or money order – no credit cards.
d. MAIL to Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Special Plates Unit, PO Box 7911,
Madison WI 53707-7911

SURVIVING SPOUSE: PH plates are transferable to surviving spouse, but annual registration fee must be paid.

PHONE: 608-266-3041

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WYOMING



COST: PH plate is free for registered vehicle. Motorcycle plate, personalization and handicapped symbol not available.

PROCEDURE: GO to local County Treasurer's Office with proof of vehicle registration, insurance, and PH award (copy of DD-214 or other). COMPLETE Form MV 100, *Application for Special License Plate*, indicating that you are a Purple Heart Recipient. Plate will be issued or ordered to be mailed.

SURVIVING SPOUSE: Check with local County Treasurer's Office upon PH recipient's death to determine disposition of PH plates. Most counties require the plate to be surrendered and the vehicle re-registered at regular rates.

PHONE: 307-777-4709

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