

Resolution

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American medals awarded to military service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. Events over the past few years have spurred debates on the eligibility criteria for the Purple Heart. Medical conditions such as Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) have prompted changes to the eligibility requirements for the Purple Heart. Some critics believe that these changes may lessen the value of the metal and sacrifices of past recipients on the battlefield. As a result the medal is not issued in these cases. However;

Whereas, The denials of the Purple Heart reflects a broader skepticism within the military over the severity of mild traumatic brain injury, often described as one of the signature wounds of the conflicts. And

Whereas, Traumatic Brain Injury is a real damage to the brain caused by the vibrations of a loud explosion, or a severe blow to the head causing the brain to be jarred within the skull and

Whereas, Even those with mild Traumatic Brain Injury may have physiological psychological symptoms that may occur at the time of the injury, or weeks or months later, and

Whereas, The Physiological effects of mild traumatic brain injury include loss of consciousness, dizziness, disorientation, confusion, headache, difficult sleeping, or oversleeping and

Whereas, The Psychological symptoms include sensory problems, sensitivity to light or sound memory of concentration problems and

Whereas, Moderate to severe traumatic brain injury may produce more dangerous symptoms, including death and

Whereas, Mild to severe traumatic brain injury and be diagnosed by a medical doctor, therefore

Be it Resolved, that anyone from a combat area suffering from traumatic brain injury be given the honor of receiving the Purple Heart medal.