



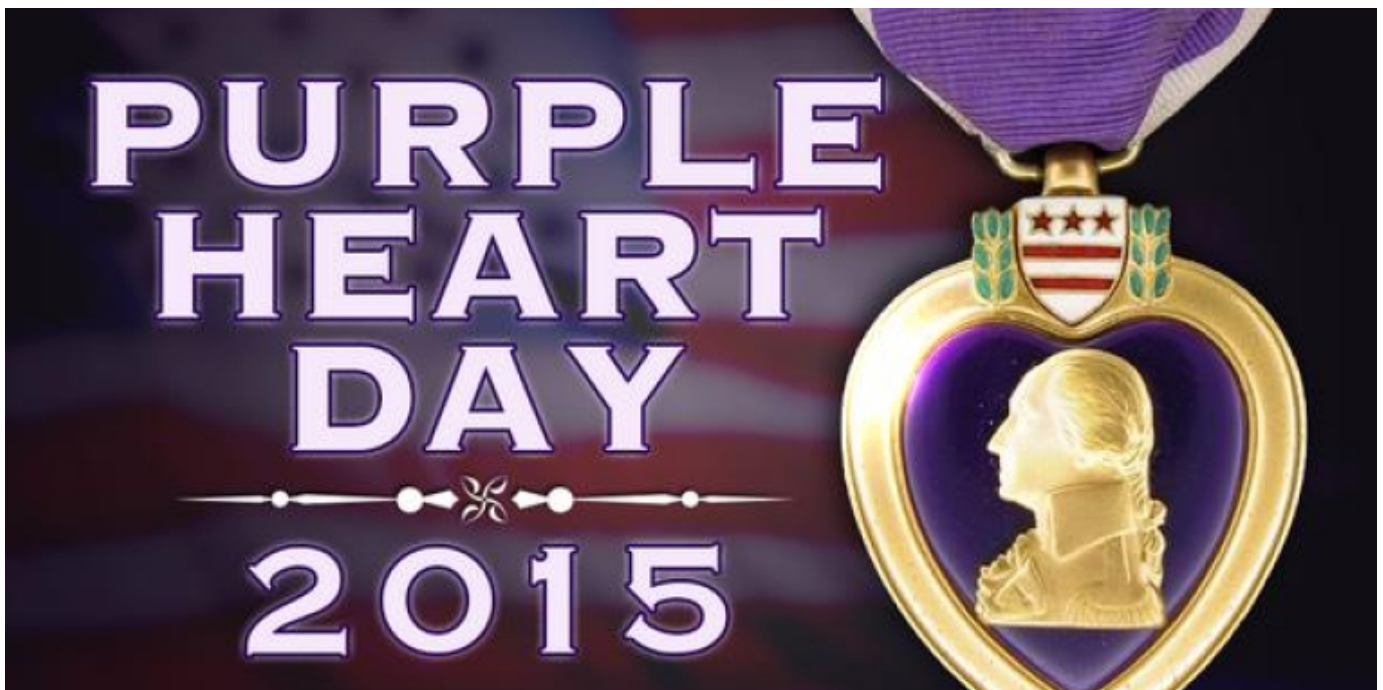
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

National Purple Heart Day ~ August 7, 2015

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August 7, 2015, is [National Purple Heart Day](#).

Senator O'Mara said it's a day to honor all of those who have served and continue to stand in defense of our nation.

"It gives us another reason and another occasion to remember the sacrifices of all of America's veterans, past and present. It gives us the chance to forever honor our servicemen and servicewomen and all they represent for this state and nation," the senator said. "It helps renew our sense of national optimism, pride and strength. We shouldn't underestimate the importance of these occasions to mark the greatness of America."

The Purple Heart is bestowed on military service members wounded or killed in action. According to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, it's believed to be the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first medal bestowed on common soldiers.

Find out more from the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#), and the [National Purple Heart Hall of Honor](#).