



## Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Arizona



**Policy Number:** 2025-001

**Subject:** The Department of Arizona Policies and Procedures:  
Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.

### **Preamble and Introduction:**

We, the combat-wounded veterans of the Department of Arizona, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc., united by the common bond of service and sacrifice, do hereby establish these Policies and Procedures to guide our Department and subordinate Chapters.

With patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws, and a steadfast commitment to liberty, justice, and the general welfare, we dedicate ourselves to preserving the legacy of the Purple Heart Medal and supporting those who have borne the wounds of battle. Through these Policies and Procedures, we seek to strengthen comradeship among our members, ensure clarity and accountability in leadership, and uphold the values and traditions of our Order. Always mindful of our obligation to serve veterans, their families, and our communities, we pledge to conduct the affairs of this Department in a manner that honors our Nation, our Order, and the memory of those who came before us.

The Department of Arizona has formally rescinded its Bylaws dated May 30, 2020, along with all previous editions. This action, approved by the Department Executive Committee, ensures that the Department of Arizona and its subordinate Chapters are governed by the National Constitution, Bylaws, and the National Procedures Manual of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Department recognizes that the National governing documents provide the foundation for our organizational structure, authority, and responsibilities. However, to simplify operations, reduce redundancy, and



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provide clear guidance tailored to the Department of Arizona, this Policies and Procedures Document has been created.

### 1. **Purpose:**

- a. Establish Department- and Chapter-level policies and procedures that supplement, but do not replace, the National Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures.
- b. Provide practical, streamlined guidance for Department officers, Committees, and Chapters to better understand and execute their duties.
- c. Ensure consistency, clarity, and accountability while allowing flexibility to address specific needs within the Department of Arizona.

### 2. **Governing Principles:**

- a. Subordination to National: These policies and procedures are always subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.
- b. Restriction Standard: Department policies and procedures may be more restrictive but not less restrictive than National governing documents.
- c. Clarity and Efficiency: Guidance provided herein is designed to simplify responsibilities, improve understanding, and help officers and members focus on the mission of the Order without unnecessary duplication.

3. **Scope:** This document applies to the Department of Arizona and all subordinate Chapters. It will serve as a working reference for officers,



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committees, and members, directing them to National documents when further authority is needed, while giving them Department-specific procedures to follow for day-to-day operations.

4. **Amendments:** Future amendments to this Policies and Procedures Document may be adopted by majority approval at a Department Convention. Amendments will be recorded, published, and distributed to all Department and Chapter officers.

Approved by the DEC:  
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