Required Documents

DD 214 (or DD 215)
A copy of the service member's Report of Separation (DD Form 214) is required.
If the DD Form 214 is not available, they should contact their local Veteran Service Office for assistance in obtaining a copy.

If still on active duty, the service member must provide proof of service (i.e., Leave and Earnings Statement, official letter from their Personnel Office, etc.)

Military Activation (or TDY) Orders
For reserve and guard members, a copy of the military orders activating them under Title 10, U.S.C. is required. For active duty members, awarded medals on military personnel records: Marines, Basic Individual Record (BIR); Army, Enlisted Record Brief (ERB); Army, Officer Record Brief (ORB); Air Force, Virtual Military Personnel Flight (MPF) medal rack; or Navy, Member Data Summary, Navy Enlisted Service Record (ESR). Medals or language as proof of service after October 7, 2001 may include: Iraqi Campaign Medal (ICM), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTM), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM), or orders stating participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Proof of Injury
Required for all applications. Must provide documentation proving the injury occurred while serving after October 7, 2001. The following is acceptable documentation of injury:

(1) Documentation of the awarding of the "Purple Heart" in accordance with, and pursuant to, applicable federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to, Title 10, Chapter 57 of the United States Code, and Chapter 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) Documentation of a combat-related injury along with documentation that the combat related injury resulted in awarding of a "Combat Action Ribbon" (CAR), or "Combat Action Badge" (CAB) or its equivalent.

(3) Documentation of a combat-related injury not covered by (1) or (2), primarily including, but not limited to, traumatic brain injury, or injury caused by detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED), or Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Documentation of PTSD must include medical diagnosis.

Proof of Ohio Residency
Required for all applications. Service member or veteran must be an Ohio resident at the time of application. Acceptable forms of proof include: copies of Ohio driver's license, utility bill, rental agreement, officially filed state tax return, military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), etc.

Power of Attorney
Only required for applications submitted on behalf of the service member.

Applications submitted without these documents will be returned to the applicant.
Appeals for the award of the Purple Heart may be made through the service member's respective branch of the Armed Forces.

The Military Injury Relief Fund (MIRF) grants a tax-exempt monetary payment to military service members injured in active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States serving after October 7, 2001, and to individuals diagnosed with post-traumatic stress while serving after October 7, 2001.

Military Injury Relief Fund (MIRF)

For injured active service members or veterans who served after October 7, 2001

Annual application period begins July 1st and ends June 30th each year

For more information, call 1-877-644-6838 opt. 3

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