



## The Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Minnesota America's Combat Wounded Veterans

The Purple Heart is the only decoration that attests, without question, to the bearer having been in combat. It is one for which an individual cannot be recommended, it can only be earned.

### DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The Department of Minnesota was formed in 1933, at the Ryan Hotel, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The first ex-officer was appointed by the MOPH National Organization was John E. Fitzgerald, of Minneapolis Chapter #8. The following is a list of the Department Commanders since that day:

YEARS SERVED	NAME	CHAPTER MEMBER
1933-1934	Walter Stram	5
1934-1935	Harry Huston	5
1935-1936		
1936-1937	Thorvald Thomsen	8
1937-1938		
1938-1939	Walter Stram	5
1939-1940	Arnold Bloeser	8
1940-1941	John J. Gallagher	5
1941-1942	Merle Buck	8
1942-1943	Gilbert Coleman	5
1943-1944	Frank Smith	5
1944-1945	Frank DeMaligon	8
1945-1946	Herman Witte	5
1946-1947	Peter E. Berg	56
1947-1948	Al Hammersten	8
1948-1949	Ernest Bowman	5
1949-1950	Herman Ratelle	268
1950-1951	O.V. Phillips	308
1951-1952	Robert G. Boyer	5
1952-1953	Ben VanCampen	268
1953-1954	Elmer Hegland	5
1954-1955	John Brolsma	8
1955-1956	Cyril Wenner	308
1956-1957	H. Boyd Teig	5

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1957-1958	Einer Sorenseon	8
1958-1959	Angus Osborne	56
1959-1960	Richard Dorer	8
1960-1961	Carl Falkowski	5
1961-1962	Joseph Pavlik	268
1962-1963	Marshall Bush	5
1963-1964	William Thorpe	268
1964-1965	Joseph Jeanette	56
1965-1966	Anson Halloway	8
1966-1967	Vernon Richter	5
1967-1968	Ray Franceschina	8
1968-1969	C. Van Regenmorter	268
1969-1970	Edward Misho	8
1970-1971	Waldermar Ledin	56
1971-1972	Frank Starr	308
1972-1973	Kenneth Mishler	268
1973-1974	Robert Michels	5
1974-1975	Merlin McKelvey	8
1975-1976	Rudy Melquist	8
1976-1977	Jerry L. Searles	5
1977-1978	Richard Kelly	268
1978-1979	Raymond Egan	194
1979-1980	Leonard Carlton	8
1980-1981	Frank Thompson	194
1981-1982	Frank Cajune	8
1982-1983 J	oe Nicosia	5
1983-1984	Howard Mortensen	268
1984-1985	Ernest C. Woods	5
1985-1986	Leonard Hamlin	1977
1986-1987	Russell Wester	268
1987-1988	Moses Carr	8
1988-1989	William Friday	194
1989-1990	John Dagle	268
1990-1991	Stewart Gross	308
1991-1992	EuGene McDonnel	15
1992-1993	Larry German	987
1993-1994	Donald Jurgs	268
1994-1995	Louis Penna	987

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1995-1996	George Constans	8
1996-1997	William WroolieJr.	194
1997-1998	Michael Richardson	987
1998-1999	Carl Goodermont	268
1999-2000	Gerald Bender	268
2000-2001	Dennis Wells	8
2001-2003	Patrick Murphy	8
2003-2005	Alfred Holtan	1977
2005-2007	Clayton Irmen	268
2007-2009	Richard Jenkins	5
2009-2010	Gary Kinser	987
2010-2011	Wallace Lind	268
2011-2012	William Lillidahl	8
2012-2013	Mark Browne	268
2013-2015	Chuck Jones	987
2015-2016	Glenn Boche	5