

MORE MARINE VETERANS RATE THE PURPLE HEART

REVISED CRITERIA FOR OEF/OIF VETERANS WITH MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



What's New?

More OEF/OIF veterans may now rate the Purple Heart Medal for mild traumatic brain injury per the revised awarding criteria outlined in Marine Corps Administrative Message 245/11, <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/MARADMIN245-11.aspx/>, which is retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001. If a Marine or Sailor assigned to a Marine unit has suffered a loss of consciousness of any duration, or was given the disposition of "not fit for full duty" by a medical officer for a period greater than 48-hours, after a concussive event, they may rate the Purple Heart. In accordance with previous Purple Heart criteria, the concussive event must have been caused either directly or indirectly by an enemy action. Veteran Marines may submit reclusas if documentation in their medical records verify a prior injury and meet the revised criteria.

Where to submit?

Marines and Sailors assigned to Marine units may submit reclusas to:

*Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA)
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5103*

Scanned reclusas can be emailed to:
hqmc.manpower.ph_mTBI_reclama@usmc.mil
(underscores before and after "mTBI").

The subject line for reclusas should read:
"Reclama based on revised Purple Heart criteria for mTBI/Concussion" to expedite CMC (MMMA) routing and processing.

Updates to the revised criteria for mTBI will be posted at (underscores not spaces):
https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/MA, under the header "Process for reclama based on revised Purple Heart criteria for mTBI/concussion."

For submitted reclusas, veterans should include an email address where they can be contacted by CMC (MMMA) to acknowledge receipt and request any additional information.

What to submit?

Reclusas should include certified true copies of medical records or personnel casualty reports. Reclusas must be forwarded through a veteran's original chain of command at the time of the injury up to the battalion/ squadron level.

To locate officers in your chain of command, contact the worldwide locator at:

*Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSB-17)
2008 Elliot Rd (Suit 201)
Quantico, VA 22134-5030*

smb.manpower.mmsb@usmc.mil
1-800-368-3710

Where to get medical files?

Veterans can get copies of their medical records by writing to:

*Department of Veteran Affairs
Record Management Center
P.O. Box 5020
St. Louis, MO 63115*