

Chapter 776 best Purple Heart Chapter in Florida

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of The Purple Heart (MOPH) was selected from among 19 MOPH Chapters statewide as the best MOPH Chapter in Florida by the MOPH Department of Florida for the second consecutive year.

Chapter 776 earned the distinctive recognition for its exemplary support of the Department of Florida, as well as its charitable support of veterans and their surviving spouses, scholarship programs, and community involvement.

The MOPH Department of Florida also selected Chapter 776 members Vikki Pietras and Sandy Cross as the Department of Florida Associate Member of the Year and as the Department of Florida Jonas Jacobsen Volunteer of the Year, respectively.

Pietras was recognized for her dedicated leadership and selfless contributions to assuring the viability, success, and positive public image of Chapter 776, its Unit 776 Auxiliary and the Department of Florida, as exemplified by her devoted volunteer community service with the Citrus County Government Nature Coast Volunteer Center, which has earned her The President's Volunteer Service Award for compiling 4,284 hours within four years.

Cross was recognized for being the inspiration for Chapter 776's support of veterans and their families temporarily residing in the Fisher House at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, initiating a print and social media campaign that raised over \$7,000 to purchase close to 500 wreaths in support of the National Wreaths Across America Program, and her longstanding community involvement with Take Stock in Children, Floral City Heritage Council, Friendship Quilters Guild and the Daughters of the American Revolution Fort Cooper Chapter.