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STAMP UNVEILING

WHO: AUGUSTA POSTMASTER, James Sizemore

WHEN: DECEMBER 7, 2007 1:00 pm

WHERE: Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center - Uptown

WHAT: Unveiling of the 41-cent **Purple Heart** definitive postage stamp. This event will honor **Purple Heart** recipients and veterans who served in the US military. A special pictorial cancellation will be available.

STORY LINES: The **Purple Heart** definitive stamp was first issued on May 30, 2003, at the First-Class rate of 37-cents, to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the U.S. military. At a time when our military service members continue to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is appropriate that the Purple Heart stamp be reissued at the new First-Class 41-cent rate. It is also appropriate that this stamp is being reissued as the Department of Veterans Affairs — the VA — celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

The unveiling and issuance of this stamp commemorates the oldest military decoration in the world still in present use.

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