



The Redline August 15, 2026

August Meeting

You're Invited to Our August Meeting!

Mark Your Calendars — You Don't Want to Miss This!

Join Tucson Republican Women on Monday, August 24th, for a special meeting where we'll discuss human trafficking, from exploitation to rescue to rebuilding lives destroyed.

Monday, August 24th
12 - 1:30 pm
(Doors *open* at 11:30 am)

Hilton Garden Inn
6575 S Country Club Rd

Cost is **\$35** per person for lunch.
Reservation made; Reservation
paid.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Don't forget to put it in your
calendar! We look forward to
seeing you.**



AMERICANISM

**“Courage is not the lack of
fear. It is acting in spite of
it.”**

Mark Twain

What kind of courage and bravery does it take for a service man or woman to be willing to engage in war time activity in order to defend our freedoms and American way of life? To me, it is unimaginable as I have never served in combat.

As I was reflecting on this August newsletter, I came upon the fact that August is Purple Heart month. This is the one month out of the year that we, as a nation, can pay our respects to all the brave service personnel who were wounded or killed in combat.

The first Purple Heart medal was originally called the Badge of Military Merit and was commissioned by General George Washington in 1782. There have only been three Badges of Military Merit awarded, as it was redesigned and recommissioned in 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur in honor of George Washington's bicentennial birthday and renamed the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military award first given to soldiers in World War I. World War II changed the qualifications for the Purple Heart Award to now honor all those who were wounded or killed in combat. The following are a few interesting facts regarding this High Honor:

1. The purple Heart is the oldest Military Award still presented to American Service members
2. The first soldiers received the Badge of Military Honor during the Revolutionary War
3. The first service member to receive the Purple Heart was General Douglas MacArthur during World War II.
4. Some famous Purple Heart Recipients are: James Garner, Rod Serling and James Arness.

5. The first woman to receive this honor was Army Lt. Annie Fox, a nurse at the attack on Pearl Harbor.
6. John F. Kennedy is the only president of the United States to receive the Purple Heart.

Let us not forget the sacrifices made for our freedoms!!

