## Military Order Of The Purple Heart Service Foundation

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Office of the Secretary Federal Trade Commission Room **159** 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20850

> RE: Comment suggesting exemption to proposed National Do Not Call Registry

Dear Commission Person:

My name is Richard J. Gallant, Executive Director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation. The Foundation provides its services to not only the combat wounded veterans who are recipients of this Nation's Purple Heart Medal but to all veterans their dependents, survivors or orphans of veterans. All of our service to veterans are absolutely free of any charges, fees, or membership requirement.

Respectfully request that you incorporate in your rule establishing a National **"Do** Not Call" Registry one of the following three exemptions:

An exemption for anyone calling on behalf of a 501(c)(3),(4) or (19) organization and/or its Foundation recognized in its ByLaws.

or

2. An exemption for anyone calling on behalf of a Congressionally Chartered Veterans Organization andlor its Foundation recognized in its ByLaws.

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or

3. An exemption for anyone calling to solicit donations of secondhand clothing and/or household goods.

One of the above exemptions is needed for the following reasons. The use of the telephone has provided the means whereby the Foundation is able to assist our less-fortunate veterans to obtain their justifiable benefits, entitlements, medical care, employment, education, nursing home care and or domiciliary accommodations.

The ability to continue use of the telephone will allow the Foundation to continue its much needed work assisting our Nation's less-fortunate veterans.

Sincerely

Executive Director