

This week Bobby Walradth [received the Purple Heart award](#) more than 40 years after serving in the Vietnam War. According to the *Muncie Star Press*

, "because he was never 'dusted off' by medical personnel, and therefore given official documentation of his trauma, Walradth waited, and waited and waited some more to receive his Purple Heart in recognition of his injuries sustained while serving." Today Congressman Pence wrote to Bobby to congratulate and thank him:

July 16, 2010

Dear Bobby,

It is my honor and privilege to congratulate you on receiving the Purple Heart award after more than 40 years of waiting. This award is a tribute to your heroic service to our country as a gunner in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. I would like to thank you for the sacrifices you made in the name of freedom. I will be forever grateful for your service to this county.

Winston Churchill once said, "A man does what he must—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all human morality." I think Churchill was talking about someone like you.

During combat in Vietnam, you performed your duties despite serious injuries and unimaginable dangers. Your determination to continue serving through pain and difficult circumstances is an inspiration to us all and I commend you for your courage.

Sincerely,

Congressman Pence Honors Vietnam War Veteran

Friday, 16 July 2010 05:00

Mike Pence
Member of Congress
Sixth District, Indiana