PURPLE HEART FINDS ITS WAY HOME

ABOVE: The family of Michigan soldier Robert Mathis, who perished during a Nazi invasion around 1941, attend a Purple Heart certificate unveiling ceremony Nov. 13 at the Holocaust Memorial Center. Over 70 years after Mathis died, Lt. Col. Matthew Yoder, stationed at the Jerusalem Consulate, discovered Mathis’ Purple Heart certificate.

ABOVE LEFT: Cadet Jay Chai found Mathis’ family after searching for seven months. ABOVE RIGHT: Holding the Purple Heart and certificate is Evan Mathis, of Birmingham, the great-nephew of Robert Mathis.

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