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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 9, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for halls of fame in
3 veterans' homes.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1705. Veterans' home hall of fame.

9 (a) General rule.--Each veterans' home operated by the
10 Commonwealth shall establish and dedicate a hall of fame to
11 recognize and honor the ~~postmilitary~~ MILITARY achievements of <—
12 outstanding veterans who have completed honorable, active duty
13 military service and who reside OR RESIDED in the geographic <—
14 region served by the veterans' home. The area or space in the

1 veterans' home dedicated to the hall of fame may be used for
2 other purposes.

3 (b) Selection of inductees.--The advisory council for each
4 veterans' home shall, consistent with the guidelines established
5 by the commission in subsection (c), nominate eligible veterans
6 for induction into the hall of fame by the commission and
7 perform such other duties relating to the hall of fame as
8 approved by the commission. Any Medal of Honor recipient shall
9 be automatically inducted into the hall of fame.

10 (c) Oversight.--The commission shall develop guidelines for
11 the halls of fame. The guidelines shall include, but not be
12 limited to:

13 ~~(1) Eligibility. Eligible veterans are those veterans~~ <—
14 ~~who were born in Pennsylvania and who have been awarded any~~
15 ~~of the following medals:~~

16 ~~(i) The Pyramid of Honor.~~

17 ~~(ii) The Medal of Honor.~~

18 ~~(iii) Army Medal of Honor.~~

19 ~~(iv) Navy Medal of Honor.~~

20 ~~(v) Air Force Medal of Honor.~~

21 ~~(2) (1) Procedures for nomination of candidates and~~ <—
22 ~~selection of inductees.~~

23 ~~(3) (2) Length of placement of the inductees in the~~ <—
24 ~~halls of fame.~~

25 ~~(4) (3) Ceremonies to officially honor the inductees.~~ <—

26 ~~(5) (4) Manner of recognizing or presenting the~~ <—
27 ~~inductees in the halls of fame.~~

28 ~~(6) (5) Maintenance of the halls of fame.~~ <—

29 ~~(7) (6) Duties of the advisory councils of the veterans'~~ <—
30 ~~homes relating to the halls of fame.~~

1 (d) Documentation.--Each eligible veteran OR HIS OR HER <—
2 REPRESENTATIVE shall be responsible for obtaining the
3 documentation necessary to establish his OR HER eligibility from <—
4 the National Archives in Washington, D.C., or the National
5 Personnel Record Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

6 (e) Centralized list.--The State Veterans' Commission shall
7 keep a centralized list of all hall of fame inductees from all
8 regional veterans' homes.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.