

The Berks County Military Hall of Fame

The Berks County Military Hall of Fame is a community initiative to recognize our citizens who have *served in the armed forces and distinguished themselves with valor in battle or by extraordinary achievement*. A function now of the Berks County Board of Commissioners and managed by its Department of Veterans Affairs, the Hall of Fame is intended to add to the rich history we find in the people of Berks County, Pennsylvania.

If you would like to nominate a Berks County citizen to the Hall of Fame, complete the attached nomination form, supply the supporting documents and photograph and mail your nomination to the Director, Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs 726 Cherry Street Reading PA 19602.

Nomination Guidelines

1. Any American citizen can nominate for induction to the Berks County Military Hall of Fame a military veteran who distinguished himself or herself by valor in combat or by significant special achievement and:
 - a. Originally hailed from Berks County PA upon entry into military service, or
 - b. Listed Berks County PA as his or her permanent home of record at time of award, or
 - c. Conscripted/volunteered for military service through Berks County PA.
2. A Berks County citizen who contributed to our armed forces by valor in combat or significant special achievement, but does not meet the residency conditions above may be recognized for special consideration. The nominee must have clearly made Berks County his or her permanent home. Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs will assist the person making the nomination to find a Hall of Fame in the veteran's home county or state.
3. A nomination of someone for valor in combat will only be considered with proof of any of the following medals having been awarded:
 - The Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Navy Cross or Air Force Cross
 - Silver Star
 - Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism
 - Bronze Star with "V" Device
 - Air Medal with "V" Device
 - Commendation Medal with "V" Device

"V" Device represents valor in combat

4. Nominations must be received by the first Monday of August each year for consideration by a panel of military veterans representing each of the branches of our armed forces.
5. Recommendations of the panel are forwarded by the Director of Berks County's Department of Veterans Affairs to the Berks County Board of Commissioners for approval and entry into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame on or about Veterans Day each year.
6. Questions regarding the Berks County Military Hall of Fame can be referred to

Director of Berks County's Department of Veterans Affairs

610-378-5601

or

veterans@countyofberks.com



GOVERNMENT OF
THE COUNTY OF BERKS
PENNSYLVANIA

MILITARY HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION

Date of Nomination _____

Person Making the Nomination _____ Telephone _____

Your Mailing Address _____

●●● Nominee Information ●●●

Last Name: _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Branch of Service _____

Place of Birth _____

Address Service From _____
(Official Home of Record)

Awarded the following medal(s) of the United States armed forces: *(Check ✓ all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Medal of Honor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Star with "V" Device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Medal with "V" Device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navy Cross or Air Force Cross | <input type="checkbox"/> Commendation Medal with "V" Device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Star | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism | |

Other medals for valor in combat earned while serving with foreign forces friendly to the United States of America *(please specify and provide as much supporting information as possible)*

- Check here if the nomination is solely based on special achievement

Prepare and attach justification for why your nominee should be considered for entry into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame based on special achievement as a member of or in support of our armed forces.

Military Biography

Prepare and attach a military biography for your nominee. A military biography highlights, as a minimum, the service or career of the nominee, e.g., dates, locations and ranks or pay grades for basic, skill and special training; duty assignments and accomplishments. Highlights that you want people to know about your nominee.

Supporting Documentation *(required)*

- Photograph(s) of nominee *(as available)*
- Proof of Berks County residence
- DD Form 214
- Discharge Certificate
- Citations to Accompany Medal(s)
- Orders to Accompany Medal(s)
- List of All Service Numbers *(if appropriate)*

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AFFIDAVIT AND AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that a person having a criminal record is not eligible for the Berks County Military Hall of Fame.

A person with power of attorney can complete for someone nominated posthumously.

Signature (Person Making the Nomination)

Date

Printed Name