

No: 285

AN ACT

SB 232

Amending the act of May 27, 1949 (P.L.1903), entitled "An act providing for powers, responsibilities, duties and limitations of the Governor, Adjutant General, Department of Military Affairs, Pennsylvania State Armory Board, Military Reservation Commission in connection with the armed Military and Naval forces and the internal security of the Commonwealth; for the definition, organization, powers and limitations of the unorganized militia, Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Naval Militia and for coordination with the government of the United States in the organization and functioning of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the National Guard of the United States apportioned the Commonwealth," revising and changing the provisions relating to medals, badges and awards.

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

Section 1. Article XI., act of May 27, 1949 (P.L.1903), known as "The Military Code of 1949," amended November 10, 1959 (P.L.1473), November 10, 1965 (P.L.841), and March 25, 1970 (Act No. 89), is amended to read:

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### Medals, Badges and Awards.

**[Section 1101. Authorized Decorations, Medals and Awards.—The following decorations, medals, ribbons, badges and awards are authorized to be presented by the Governor in the name of the Commonwealth under conditions and methods enumerated hereafter in this article.**

1. **Pennsylvania Cross for Valor.**
2. **Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.**
3. **Pennsylvania Meritorious Medal.**
4. **Pennsylvania Commendation Ribbon.**
5. **State medal for Federal service during any war.**
6. **Service Ribbon and/or Medal for active State service during an emergency.**
7. **Pennsylvania twenty year service medal.**
8. **General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.**
9. **Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award.**
10. **Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal.**

##### **Marksmanship Medals or Badges.**

**Section 1102. Specifications and Procurement.—The Department of Military Affairs shall furnish the detailed specifications and design for all the items hereinbefore mentioned in this article, except those specifically noted below. The department is authorized to procure all decorations, medals, ribbons, badges and awards in accordance with the prescribed methods and as specifically directed below.**

(1) The Pennsylvania twenty year service ribbon shall be silver, suspended from a dark green ribbon.

(2) Service medal and ribbon for World War II at cost to veteran.

**Section 1103. Method of Award.**—The authorized decorations, medals, ribbons, badges and awards will be awarded to the following persons and under the conditions and methods specifically mentioned in this section:

(1) The Pennsylvania Cross for Valor shall be awarded by the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Guard, Pennsylvania Naval Militia or of the military and naval forces of the United States, for acts of bravery, courage or valor above the ordinary gallantry of other members of the services. The Cross for Valor will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the commanding officer of a regiment or similar unit, but such recommendation may be initiated by an officer of lower rank. All recommendations for this award will be forwarded to the Governor through the Department of Military Affairs.

(2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to commissioned officers of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Guard, Pennsylvania Naval Militia or of the military and naval forces of the United States, in recognition of meritorious service beyond the call of the normal dictates of duty to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the Governor or of a general officer. All recommendations for this award, except those of the Governor, must be forwarded to the Governor through the Department of Military Affairs. The recommendation shall specifically show that at the time of the rendition of such service the person recommended was on duty of great responsibility.

(3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to civilians and officers of the Pennsylvania military and naval forces, in recognition of meritorious service rendered the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during an emergency, peace or war, and while holding a position of great responsibility. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the Governor, or any members of his cabinet, or by officers of the State military and naval forces. Recommendation for this award should normally be forwarded to the Governor by cabinet members through the Department of Military Affairs.

(4) The Pennsylvania Commendation Ribbon shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Guard, Pennsylvania Naval Militia and the military and naval forces of the United States, for meritorious and outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and under conditions which does not warrant the award of the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the commanding officer of a regiment or similar unit but such recommendation may be initiated by an officer of lower rank.

(5) **Laurel Leaf.** Not more than one Pennsylvania Cross for Valor, Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal or Pennsylvania Commendation Ribbon shall be issued to any one person, but for each succeeding deed, act or achievement sufficient to justify any of these awards, a silver laurel leaf shall be awarded in lieu thereof. The laurel leaf is worn on the ribbon of the medal or corresponding ribbon bar.

(6) The Adjutant General shall annually appoint a board of three commissioned officers for the purpose of considering recommendations for the Pennsylvania Cross for Valor, the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, the Pennsylvania Meritorious Medal, the Pennsylvania Commendation Ribbon and the Laurel Leaf.

(7) A commissioned officer of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard or Pennsylvania Guard who has heretofore been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal shall be authorized to receive in lieu thereof the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.

(8) The Pennsylvania Service Medal for service in the armed forces of the United States during any war shall be awarded to any veteran of said war who was a resident of Pennsylvania at the time of entering the service of the United States and who served honorably for at least three months during said war between limiting dates prescribed by Department of Military Affairs.

(9) Pennsylvania Service Ribbons or medals for active State service within the boundaries of this Commonwealth during any emergency, war or peace, may be issued to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Naval Militia by the Department of Military Affairs, when their service records indicate that they were a member of and present in an organization or unit that was mobilized during said emergency and actually moved him from home station to actively participate in emergency, under orders of the Governor, or actively participated in emergency while at home station.

(10) A Service Medal for twenty years service, not necessarily consecutive, in the Pennsylvania National Guard or Pennsylvania Air National Guard, shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to any individual of the Pennsylvania National Guard or Pennsylvania Air National Guard whose official record shows that he has served the required time under the conditions specified in this section. In computing such twenty years of service, any service in the volunteer forces of the United States or in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps thereof, during any war in which the United States was engaged, or during any Federal service, shall be included at twice its actual length. Service in the Pennsylvania Guard may be included in figuring the twenty years of service. The individual shall be awarded and entitled to wear on the ribbon bar of the Service Medal, one silver star for each additional five years of service.

(11) The General Thomas J. Steward Medal shall be awarded to members of the armed military and naval forces of the Commonwealth, upon recommendation of their unit or organizational commanders, for one hundred percent attendance and excellence in drill, including summer training camp,

during any one year subsequent to January first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six. Only one of these medals shall be awarded to any one individual.

(12) A Marksmanship Badge to be awarded to civilians, or to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, or of the Pennsylvania State Guard, or of the military or naval forces of the United States, not necessarily in the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard or Pennsylvania Guard, who as individual competitors, or as members of a team in rifle or pistol matches, win first, second or third place in any State, Interstate, National, or International matches.

(13) The Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award shall be awarded by the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, the US Air Force, US Army, US Navy or to the National Guard of another state for outstanding performance of duty, involving any phase of aeronautical or aerospace achievement which is of great note or importance, or establishes a record of considerable standing, and/or promotes the cause of military aviation and aerospace operations to such a degree that it generates much favorable public attention and support. This award may be made on the recommendation of squadron, group, or higher commands within the Pennsylvania National Guard, through the Department of Military Affairs to the Governor.

(14) The Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, upon recommendation of their unit or organizational commanders, for seven years consecutive and satisfactory service in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Only one of these medals shall be awarded to any one individual.

Section 1104. Decoration; When Worn.—The decorations, medals, ribbons and badges mentioned in this article are authorized as part of the prescribed uniform of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard and Naval Militia not in the service of the United States and the Pennsylvania Guard and Pennsylvania Militia. These decorations, medals and ribbons and badges will be worn to the left of all decorations awarded by the United States Government.]

*Section 1101. Authorized Decorations, Medals, Ribbons and Awards.—The following decorations, medals, ribbons, and awards are authorized to be presented by the Governor in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the conditions and methods enumerated hereafter:*

- (1) *Pennsylvania Cross for Valor.*
- (2) *Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.*
- (3) *Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal.*
- (4) *Pennsylvania Commendation Medal.*
- (5) *Pennsylvania Service Ribbon.*
- (6) *Pennsylvania Twenty-year Service Medal.*
- (7) *Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal.*
- (8) *General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.*
- (9) *Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award.*

*Section 1102. Method of Award.—(a) The authorized decorations, medals, ribbons, and awards will be awarded to the following persons and under the conditions and methods specifically mentioned in this section:*

*(1) The Pennsylvania Cross for Valor shall be awarded by the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard, or of the military and naval forces of the United States, for acts of bravery, courage or valor above the ordinary gallantry of other members of the services. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the commanding officer of a regiment or similar unit, but such recommendation may be initiated by an officer of lower rank. All recommendations for this award shall be forwarded to the Governor through the Department of Military Affairs.*

*(2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard, or of the military and naval forces of the United States, in recognition of distinguished service beyond the call of the normal dictates of duty to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the Governor or of a general officer. All recommendations for this award, except those of the Governor, shall be forwarded to the Governor through the Department of Military Affairs. The recommendation shall specifically show that at the time of the rendition of such service the person recommended was on duty of great responsibility.*

*(3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to civilians and members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and Pennsylvania Guard, in recognition of meritorious service rendered the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during an emergency, peace, or war, and while holding a position of great responsibility. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the Governor, or any members of his cabinet, or by officers of the State military forces. All recommendations for this award shall be forwarded to the Governor through the Department of Military Affairs.*

*(4) The Pennsylvania Commendation Medal shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard, and the military and naval forces of the United States, for meritorious and outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and under conditions which do not warrant the award of the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal or the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal. This award will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the commanding officer of a regiment or similar*

*unit but such recommendation may be initiated by an officer of lower rank.*

*(5) The Pennsylvania Service Ribbon for active State service within the boundaries of this Commonwealth during any emergency, war or peace, may be issued to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and Pennsylvania Guard by the Department of Military Affairs, when their service records indicate that they were a member of and present in an organization or unit that was mobilized during said emergency and actually moved him from home station to actively participate in emergency, under orders of the Governor, or actively participated in emergency, while at home station. A Silver Star shall be awarded for each period of active State service under the foregoing conditions performed subsequent to the award of the first ribbon.*

*(6) The Pennsylvania Twenty-year Service Medal shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to any member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, or Pennsylvania Guard whose official record shows that he has served for twenty years, not necessarily consecutive, under the conditions specified in this section. In computing such twenty years of service, any service in the military forces of the United States during any armed conflict in which the United States was engaged shall be included at twice its actual length provided that such Federal service was entered into after service in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard or Pennsylvania Air National Guard. The individual shall be awarded and entitled to wear on the ribbon bar of the Service Medal, one Silver Star for each additional five years of service.*

*(7) The Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal shall be awarded by the Department of Military Affairs to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, upon recommendation of their unit or organizational commanders, for seven years consecutive and satisfactory service in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Only one of these medals shall be awarded to any one individual.*

*(8) The General Thomas J. Stewart Medal shall be awarded to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and Pennsylvania Air National Guard upon recommendation of their unit or organizational commanders, for one hundred per cent attendance and excellence in drill, including annual field training, during any one year. Only one of these medals shall be awarded to any one individual.*

*(9) The Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award shall be awarded by the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, the military forces of the United States or to the National Guard of another state for outstanding performance of duty, involving any phase of aeronautical or aerospace achievement which is of great note*

*or importance, or establishes a record of considerable standing, and/or promotes the cause of military aviation and aerospace operations to such a degree that it generates much favorable public attention and support. This award may be made on the recommendation of squadron, group or higher commands within the Pennsylvania National Guard, through the Department of Military Affairs to the Governor.*

*(b) Not more than one Pennsylvania Cross for Valor, Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal or Pennsylvania Service Ribbon shall be issued to any one person, but for each succeeding deed, act or achievement sufficient to justify any of these awards, a Silver Star shall be awarded in lieu thereof. The Silver Star is worn on the ribbon of the medal or corresponding ribbon bar.*

*(c) The Adjutant General shall annually appoint a board of three commissioned officers for the purpose of considering recommendations for the Pennsylvania Cross for Valor, the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, and the Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award.*

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 285.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth