

No. 2019-25

AN ACT

HB 1065

Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3033 over Redbank Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 1. CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) CPL James Slagle, a graduate of Brookville Area High School, served as a United States Army Ranger in the 2nd Ranger Battalion during World War II.

(2) On June 6, 1944, CPL Slagle's unit stormed the shores of Normandy as part of the D-Day operation.

(3) When his unit landed on Omaha Beach, CPL Slagle was hit seven times by German machine gun fire and laid in the surf most of the day until he was dragged to higher ground by another soldier.

(4) After spending 18 months in Army hospitals recovering from his wounds, CPL Slagle returned home to Brookville.

(5) CPL Slagle was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as commander of Post 204.

(6) CPL Slagle became best known as Brookville's "Flag Man" and founder of the Main Street Flag Association, an organization that purchased and maintained United States flags along Brookville's Main Street.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 3033 over Redbank Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, is designated the CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A.D. 2019

TOM WOLF