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ASSEMBLY, No. 1945

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JACK CONNERS

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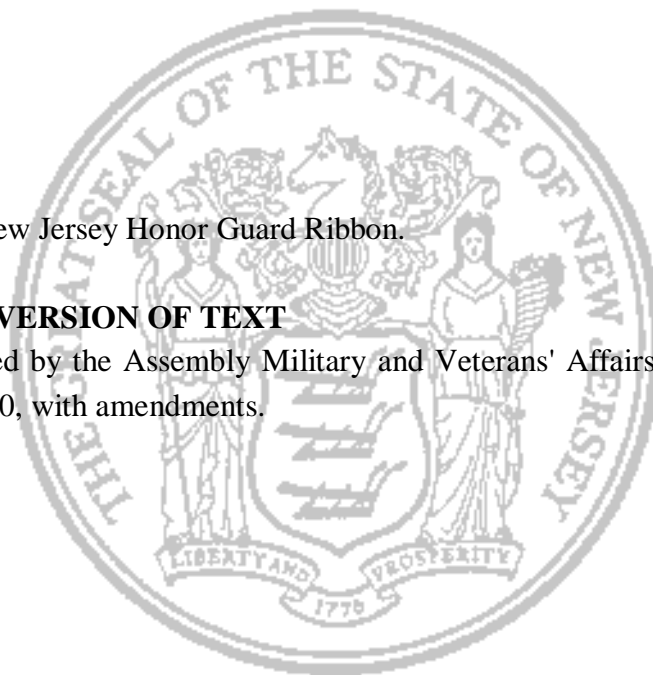
Assemblyman Conaway, Assemblywoman Greenstein, Assemblymen Diegnan, Amodeo, Polistina, Assemblywoman Gove, Assemblymen Rumpf, Rudder, Assemblywoman Vandervalk, Assemblymen Schroeder, Holzapfel, Rible, Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblyman Rumana, Assemblywoman Addiego, Assemblyman Malone, Senators Madden, Norcross and Allen

SYNOPSIS

Creates New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on March 8, 2010, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2010)

1 AN ACT creating a New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon and
2 supplementing chapter 15 of Title 38A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Governor may present in the name of the State of
9 New Jersey a New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon of appropriate
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12 served as Honor Guard Team Members in the ¹**[Army]**¹ National
13 Guard New Jersey Honor Guard Program, and Honor Guard
14 personnel working at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans
15 Cemetery, who have performed a minimum of 30 Honor Guard
16 Service missions for our deceased veterans, honoring “Those Who
17 Served.”

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19 Guard Mission Services of 130 within a two-year period. The
20 award shall be displayed to the left of the Honor Guard Program
21 symbol on the Honor Guard Ribbon.

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23 Guard Mission Services of 200 within a three-year period. The
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25 symbol on the Honor Guard Ribbon.

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27 Guard Ribbon when they complete a minimum of nine months of
28 service in support of the Honor Guard Program honoring “Those
29 Who Served.”

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33 issued may be replaced.

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35 be the responsibility of the Adjutant General or his designee.

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37 2. This act shall take effect two months from the date of
38 enactment, but the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs
39 may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof
40 as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted March 8, 2010.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1945

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Conaway

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1945

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 2010

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 1945.

This bill creates the New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon to be presented by the Governor in the name of the State of New Jersey to certain active members of the New Jersey National Guard, Honor Guard Retiree members, and Contracted Civilian Buglers, who have served as Honor Guard Team Members in the National Guard New Jersey Honor Guard Program, and to Honor Guard personnel working at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to delete specific reference to the New Jersey Army National Guard to be more inclusive of all the New Jersey National Guard divisions.

SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1945

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2010

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1945 (1R).

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Assembly Bill No. 1945 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 1869 (1R) of 2010.

SENATE, No. 1869

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2010

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator DONALD NORCROSS

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1869

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2010

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 1869.

This bill creates the New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon to be presented by the Governor in the name of the State of New Jersey to certain active members of the New Jersey National Guard, Honor Guard Retiree members, and Contracted Civilian Buglers, who have served as Honor Guard Team Members in the National Guard New Jersey Honor Guard Program, and to Honor Guard personnel working at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

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Senate Bill No. 1869 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1945 (1R) of 2010.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There is a technical amendment to the bill to make it identical to Assembly, No. 1945 (1R).

Governor Christie Signs Series of Bills to Honor New Jersey's Military Veterans

Monday, August 23, 2010 Tags: [Other](#)

Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed a package of bills recognizing the loyal service, bravery and sacrifice of New Jersey's active duty service men and women and retired military veterans. The bills signed today - A-1945, A-515, A-1944 - honor the service of members of the New Jersey National Guard, recognize veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and expand the membership of the Veteran's Services Council. S-795, previously signed into law and recognized today by the Governor, pays tribute to the sacrifices of Vietnam Veterans from South Jersey in Southern New Jersey.

"I am proud to have the opportunity to honor the service of New Jersey's military service members and veterans by signing these bills today. Our state's servicemen, servicewomen and their families have bravely and selflessly sacrificed in defense of our nation and our values," said Governor Christie. "It is only fitting that we take every opportunity to recognize and repay, in every way we are able, all that they have given to us. These bills are just a small token of our gratitude and appreciation for everything they have done for our country."

"These bills demonstrate New Jersey's ongoing commitment to the men and women who have served this nation in uniform," said Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General. "From the expansion of Operation Recognition to include Korean and Vietnam Veterans, to the special award for service in the New Jersey National Guard Honor Guard, these bills honor all who served."

The first bill, A-1945, creates a New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon for active members of the New Jersey National Guard, Honor Guard Retiree members and Contracted Civilian Buglers who have served to honor deceased veterans at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery. Eligibility for the Honor Guard Ribbon is determined by the Adjutant General.

The first recipients of the Honor Guard Ribbon are SGT Allain Batong, SGT Damont Brown, SGT William Camp, SPC Lawrence Davidson, SFC Raymond Denson, SGT Laseric Diaz, SSG Gregory Flynn, SPC Joseph Harang, CW4 (Ret) Kenneth Langer, SSG Rachell Lewellen, 1Lt Angel Perez, PFC Roy Pierson, SPC Raheem Rowell, TSgt Christopher Schauers, MSG (Ret) Karl Tomaszewski, MSG Lavona Toplyn, SPC Asim Williams, and A1C Katherine Yunes.

Primary sponsors of the bill are Assemblyman Jack Conners (D-Burlington, Camden), Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker (D-Essex), Assemblyman Gilbert "Whip" L. Wilson (D-Camden, Gloucester) and Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarity (D-Camden, Gloucester).

The second bill signed by Governor Christie, A-515, expands Operation Recognition to include veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The program currently awards state-endorsed high school diplomas to eligible World War I and World War II veterans who left high school before graduation to enter the U.S. military.

Primary sponsors of A-515 include Assemblyman John F. Amodeo (R-Atlantic), Assemblyman Vincent J. Polistina (R-Atlantic), Assemblyman Jack Conners (D-Burlington, Camden), Assemblyman Matthew W. Milam (D-Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland) and Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarity (D-Camden, Gloucester).

Another bill, A-1944, changes the membership requirements of the Veteran's Services Council, increasing membership from 9 to 12 and requiring there be at least two women members. The Council is responsible for formulating policies for the coordination of all services benefiting war veterans and their dependents.

Primary legislative sponsors of A-1944 include Assemblyman Jack Conners (D-Burlington, Camden), Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker (D-Essex) and Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarity (D-Camden, Gloucester).

Governor Christie also recognized S-795, which he previously signed. That new law pays tribute to the sacrifices of Vietnam Veterans from South Jersey by naming a portion of Route 47 in Glassboro Gloucester County as the "South Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Highway."

Primary sponsors of S-795 include Senator Fred H. Madden, Jr. (D-Camden and Gloucester), and Senator Stephen M. Sweeney (D-Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester) as well as Assemblyman Jack Conners (D-Burlington and Camden), Assemblyman Herb Conaway, Jr. (D-Burlington and Camden) and Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarity (D-Camden and Gloucester).

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Committee Meeting

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(SENATE BILL No. 413, SENATE BILL No. 1026, SENATE BILL No. 1189;
SENATE BILL No. 1869 and ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1945 (1R);
and SENATE RESOLUTION No. 28)

LOCATION: VFW Post 2189
500 Bethel Road
Somers Point, New Jersey

DATE: May 21, 2010
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Senator James Beach, Chair
Senator Jeff Van Drew, Vice Chair
Senator Philip E. Haines



ALSO PRESENT:

Tracey F. Pino Murphy
Office of Legislative Services
Committee Aide

Julius Bailey
Trish Graber
Senate Majority

Rosemary Pramuk
Senate Republican

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SENATOR BEACH: One microphone.

SENATOR VAN DREW: And we borrowed that one from the VFW.

SENATOR BEACH: Is there anyone else who wishes to testify on this bill? (no response) All right. As we said, at the request of Senator Connors, we will be pulling this today, voting on it at a future date.

The next bill that we are considering is S-1869, and if-- I guess, what we'll do is, we'll read the statement.

MS. PINO MURPHY: Senate Bill No. 1869: This bill creates a New Jersey Honor Guard ribbon to be presented by the Governor in the name of the State of New Jersey to certain active members of the New Jersey National Guard, Honor Guard retiree members, and contracted civilian buglers who have served as Honor Guard team members in the National Guard, New Jersey Honor Guard program, and to Honor Guard personnel working at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery. The team members and honor guard personnel serving through the National Guard, New Jersey Honor Guard Program deliver the military funeral honors deserved by those who served. It is only fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to recognize them for their distinguished service.

There is a technical amendment to the bill to make it identical to Assembly Bill No. 1945.

SENATOR BEACH: And before we take testimony on this, at the present time it does not include our county or VSO Honor Guards -- our local guards -- but I did make an appointment to speak with the Assembly Chair, Jack Connors, and we are going to take up that issue. We'll follow up, and we'll see where we go with it. We'll speak with the

Governor, we'll speak with General Rieth, and we think that all of our honor guards -- because you all do such a wonderful service for our veterans -- need to be recognized. So we'll get back to you on that.

Now, is there anyone who wishes to testify? Red.

A L L E N R H O D E S: I'm Allen Rhodes; I'm the State Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties, which is the Honor Degree of the VFW. Not only do we do the pizza party and bingo, we also are the active members that do the funerals -- not with (indiscernible), but what the VFW had.

VFW Post 220 has 12 certified Honor Guard members who have been trained by the Honor Guard program out of Trenton. They have been certified and we're the first ones in the state -- there may be more soon developing -- and they should be included as an amendment, like you mentioned, Chairman, as VSO-certified and trained members, right after the bugler section that are contracted.

SENATOR BEACH: And yes sir, we do plan to look into that.

MR. RHODES: And the cost will be very nominal, because some of the members are already retired National Guard members entitled to the ribbon. Thank you.

SENATOR BEACH: Thank you, sir.

Is there anyone else who wishes to testify on this bill? (no response)

Seeing none, do I have a motion?

SENATOR HAINES: So moved.

SENATOR VAN DREW: Second.