

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

**Policy for Placing Names in
the Virginia War Memorial
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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



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I. PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT IN SHRINE OF MEMORY

1. A Virginian, who
2. Died while serving in the uniformed Armed Forces, and
3. Under circumstances for which the Purple Heart Medal was awarded.

NOTES:

1. Determination as to whether proposed honoree is a “Virginian” will be based upon official state of residency as listed on DOD documents (i.e., DD 2058). The Board *may* want to reserve the authority, under extraordinary circumstances, and in the interest of fundamental fairness, to recognize “Virginian” status based on birth, longtime residency or other substantial ties to Virginia independent of residency listed on DOD records.
2. Uniformed Armed Forces will include active duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, their Reserve elements, and the National Guard when mobilized for qualifying service.
3. The death of the service member must result from wounds or injuries for which the Purple Heart was actually awarded.

II. PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR MEMORIAL TO FALLEN VIRGINIANS

1. A Virginian, who
2. Died while serving in the uniformed Armed Forces.

NOTES:

1. These criteria will apply to all fallen Virginia service members, regardless of where they are serving at the time of death: CONUS or OVERSEAS, in a combat zone or elsewhere.
2. These criteria will apply independent of the nature of operations in which the service member is engaged, whether in the line-of-duty, off duty, TAD or on leave.
3. These criteria recognize the intrinsic value and worth of each and every service member, and the sacred character of the sacrifice of every life.
4. Determination of status as “Virginian,” and “uniformed Armed Forces,” will be in accordance with criteria listed above.
5. Notwithstanding any of the above, the Board shall have the authority to make the final determination of individual eligibility on a case by case basis.

