

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1814

By: Newberry, Brinkley, Allen,
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Treat and Shortey of the
Senate

and

Banz, Wesselhoft, Bennett,
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of the House

An Act relating to military service; creating the Oklahoma Gold Star Medal; specifying conditions for awarding certain medal; providing for eligibility; specifying nominating requirements; directing the Adjutant General to perform certain duties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: The Oklahoma Gold Star Medal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 50.26 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Gold Star Medal shall be awarded to a member of the state or federal military forces who voluntarily performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice during combat after September 11, 2001, that resulted in his or her loss of life.

B. The Oklahoma Gold Star Medal shall be awarded based on the standard of extraordinary merit. The medal shall be awarded only on incontestable proof.

C. To be eligible for the Oklahoma Gold Star Medal, a person shall have been:

1. Born in this state, a resident of this state on the person's death, or a resident of this state when the person entered military service; and

2. Killed in the line of duty in a combat zone or died of wounds inflicted in a combat zone.

D. A person shall not be ineligible for the Oklahoma Gold Star Medal because the person received any other medal or award for military service, including a medal or award made by the United States.

E. To receive the Oklahoma Gold Star Medal, a person shall be nominated by a member of the Oklahoma Legislature and approved by the Adjutant General.

F. Pursuant to Section 192 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Adjutant General shall design the medallion and ribbon for the Oklahoma Gold Star Medal and shall be responsible for awarding the medal to persons who have been approved by the Adjutant General pursuant to subsection E of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of May, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of April, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives