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**SENATOR DONALD WHITE INDUCTED INTO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
HALL OF FAME**

**FORT INDIANTOWN GAP** – State Senator Donald C. White was inducted into the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Hall of Fame today (July 31) in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of veterans and their families and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

“Senator White has been a true friend and solid supporter of veterans and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard ever since he arrived in Harrisburg,” said Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, state adjutant general. “Whether it’s improving health and educational benefits for our soldiers, airmen and veterans, or securing funds to repair the swimming pool at our school for veteran’s children, we can always count on Don for his leadership and genuine concern.”

Since taking office in 2000, White, a Republican from Indiana, Pa., has been instrumental in the creation and passage of numerous pieces of legislation for service members and veterans.

Sen. White’s legislative efforts have resulted in: extending health insurance benefits for military personnel who are full-time students at the time of deployment; extending educational assistance opportunities for National Guard personnel discharged for medical disability incurred

in the line of duty; providing for group life insurance for Guard members and tuition costs and fees for children and spouses of deceased Guard members.

A member of the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, White has been an ardent supporter of the state-run Scotland School for Veterans' Children, located in Franklin County.

On numerous occasions, White has offered his professional and personal support to Scotland School and participated in fund-raising events. He was instrumental in securing \$900,000 for numerous important projects at the school, including the repair of the swimming pool, which recently opened after being closed for four years.

A native of Kittanning, White resides with his wife, Sara Ann, in Indiana. Also inducted along with Sen. White was former state Rep. Thomas Tigue, a Democrat from Luzerne County; and retired Brig. Gen. Richard B. Posey, Camp Hill.

The DMVA Hall of Fame, established in 1998, recognizes unique and exemplary contributions to the department and/or to the Pennsylvania National Guard. This award not only recognizes significant achievements, but also the honor and prestige an individual has brought upon the department, the Pennsylvania National Guard and its members. Election into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the department.

For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Web site at [www.dmva.state.pa.us](http://www.dmva.state.pa.us).

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A photo of Sen. White is available. Please call for a copy.