

HOUSE No. 3821

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to a Veterans' Hall of Fame Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Dean Contover</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/17/2025</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/14/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>

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By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3821) of James Arciero and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of establishing a veterans' hall of fame. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to a Veterans' Hall of Fame Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, there shall be a veteran's hall of fame commission to study the feasibility of
3 establishing a veterans' hall of fame in the Commonwealth. The commission shall consist of 11
4 members, who shall be speaker of the house or their designee and the president of the senate or
5 their designee, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the minority leaders of the house
6 and senate or their designees; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on veterans and
7 federal affairs or their designees; the adjutant general of the national guard or their designee; the
8 secretary of veterans' services or their designee; a designee of the secretary of state who is
9 employed in the state archives who is knowledgeable about military records; and two persons to
10 be appointed by the governor who shall be honorably-discharged veterans. Members shall serve
11 without compensation but may receive such funding from the department of veterans' services to
12 fulfill their study and review of establishing a veteran's hall of fame.

13 SECTION 2 The commission shall review and analyze the feasibility of, and costs
14 associated with, the establishment of a veterans' hall of fame in the commonwealth and shall
15 study reasonable methods and criteria that may be utilized for nominating and inducting veterans
16 who are residents of the commonwealth into said hall of fame.

17 SECTION 3 The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations with the
18 clerks of the house of representatives and senate by December 31, 2026.