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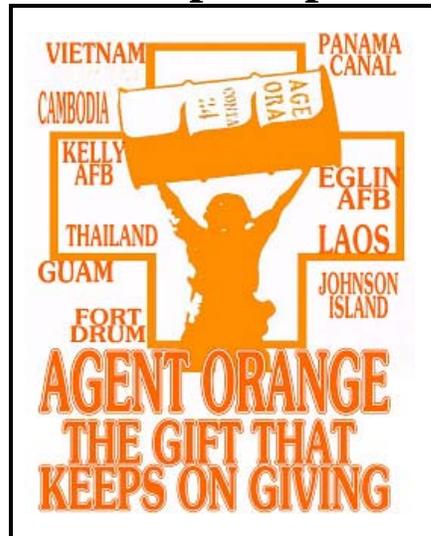
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Concludes Veterans Who Served on Guam from 1958 to 1980 Were Exposed to Dioxin-Containing Herbicide Agents Such as Agent Orange

The National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) and the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School released a February 2021 update to a white paper they published in May 2020. The original white paper concluded veterans who served on Guam from 1962 to

1975 satisfied the Department of Veterans Affairs (“VA”) legal standard for exposure to Agent Orange and other dioxin-containing herbicides. The conclusion was based on an exhaustive review conducted over nearly two years of government, private, archival, and oral history evidence of herbicide use in Guam during the Vietnam era. The updated white paper expands the timeline to include veterans who served on Guam from the period of 1958 through 1980.

This February 2021 revision is released to reflect subsequent developments and information on herbicide usage in Guam gathered after the May 2020 release of the original white paper, to include an EPA-directed soil sampling report published in July 2020 and recently issued decisions of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. In addition to analyzing this new information, this revision re-assesses the timeline for probable exposure to dioxin-containing herbicides of Guam veterans based on further evaluation of the evidence and expands the timeline accordingly.

This white paper is designed to assist veterans, veterans’ advocates and lawmakers in their efforts to support claims of service connected herbicide exposure and address un-remediated health risks and military pollution in Guam.

Meetings

Due to the incidents of COVID-19 cases in CT, the Chapter 120 membership meeting will be *tentatively* held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Machinists Union Hall, 357 Main St., East Hartford.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00pm. Call the Chapter office for any changes in schedule. Chapter members are welcomed to attend.

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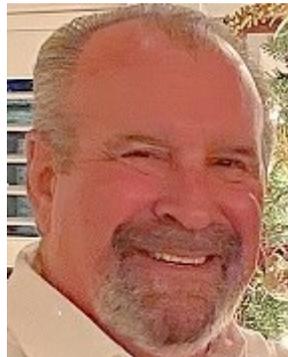
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Robert Olivieri
Chapter 120 Life Member



On February 7, 2021, Bob Olivieri, a loving husband and father of two children and four grandchildren passed away at age 73. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph, his mother Louise, and sister Janice. He is survived by his loving wife Bonnie, his two sons Craig and Eric, his brother Ralph, several cousins, his niece Lindsay, his nephew Ryan, and his beautiful grandchildren, from oldest to youngest: Paige, Heath, Amaya and Indi. He was so proud of them and would say without hesitation that he had the best sons and grandchildren one could wish for.

Bob was a life member of the DAV, VFW, and Vietnam Veterans of America CT Chapter 120. He was also a monthly contributor to Wounded Warriors and St. Jude Research Hospital.

He spent four years of his youth in the Marine Corps, of which half was spent in two different tours of Vietnam. Bob was so fortunate in life (putting aside all his health issues) and he had always wondered why he survived Vietnam. He said that maybe now he'll find out and he hopes it's all good. In Bob's own words, "You all know how I loved to tell stories, which at times seemed endless, like this one I'm sure, but one thing is for sure, I had a full life with MANY ups and downs. I had many friends from all parts of this great USA and elsewhere.

Thanks to you all who were a part of my life, you touched me in more ways than you know. So play a round of golf in my name and remember that I'll always be there in spirit. It was a very interesting journey with many fun times and some not so fun. Hopefully, we'll all meet up again in the afterlife where I'll have more stories. I love you all."

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 17 at 12:00 Noon at the State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane in Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warriors or St. Jude Research Hospital or that you will do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for some poor unfortunate soul "in Bob's name."

Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes go to our members born in March. May you have many more!

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A special birthday wish to Jacob Cutler, grandson of Chapter members Michael Belliveau and John Cutler.



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The monthly Chapter 120 newsletter, The Connection, is available by e-mail. Currently, 97 members receive the newsletter by e-mail, saving the Chapter over \$600 in postal fees annually. The newsletter is available in Adobe format (.pdf), attached to your e-mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail the newsletter editor at ctchapter120@aol.com

POW/MIA News



From National League of POW/MIA Families

Americans Still Missing and Unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

The number missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is STILL 1,585. There have been no US personnel

accounted for from the Vietnam War since July 2020. DPAA announced that some identifications are pending and may be announced soon; no number was given.

DPAA laboratories and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) continue to focus efforts on identifying remains previously recovered, turned over unilaterally by foreign counterparts and/or buried in US cemeteries at home and abroad. US teams are also conducting WWII, Korean War and Cold War field recoveries. The most recent large-scale unilateral turnover of remains was the “K55” repatriation that followed the Singapore Agreement reached in the summer of 2018 by former President Trump and DPRK President Kim Jong Un. The latest count of possible US remains included in the K55 repatriation was just announced by DPAA as 72. Also, 80 remains were recently returned to South Korea.

At The Capitol



VA Committee Holds Hearings

Public hearings concerning thirty-six proposed and raised bills were held on Feb.11, Feb.18 and Feb. 23. The VA Committee will subsequently act on these bills to move selected bills out of Committee for floor votes.

A public hearing on February 23 was held for the following raised bills:

- S.B. No. 914 - AN ACT CONCERNING HMONG LAOTIAN SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS WHICH SERVED IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS.
- S.B. No. 915 - ANACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY SUICIDE BY VETERANS.
- S.B. No. 916 - AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.
- S.B. No. 917 - AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS' FEDERAL PENSION BENEFITS FROM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
- S.B. No. 918 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN.

- H.B. No. 6480 - AN ACT CONCERNING THEFUNERAL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN VETERANS.
- H.B. No. 6481 - AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR.
- H.B. No. 6482 - AN ACT EXCLUDING FEDERAL VETERANS' BENEFITS FROM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
- H.B. No. 6483 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM.

On The Hill



House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Passes American Rescue Plan with Key Wins for Veterans

On Feb 11, 2021, House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs Chairman Mark Takano (D-Calif.) released the following statement after the Committee passed its portion of the American Rescue Plan, the A.N.S. to Committee Print – Providing for reconciliation to S. Con. Res. 5, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

“As Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, I am painfully aware of the toll this pandemic has taken on our nation’s veterans,” said Chairman Takano. “I hear from veterans who are struggling to find work as unemployment numbers rise. I hear from veterans who’ve had their critical compensation and pension exams postponed, delaying much needed benefits. And sadly, we’ve lost over 9,500 veterans and 120 VA staff to the pandemic so far. The time for decisive action is now. This month’s jobs report is further proof that our economic recovery is moving too slow and veteran unemployment has continued to rise. Democrats’ big, bold action is the only way to ensure America and our veterans can get back to work and won’t have to fear paying for or delaying much needed care. The best way to provide direct relief to the American people and continue serving all those who have served is to act fast and do it now.”

This bill will:

- Increase claims and appeals processing to reduce the backlog caused by COVID-19: The pandemic has caused untold hardship across our country and has resulted in claims processing delays that slow delivery of benefits to disabled veterans. This additional funding will help cover overtime costs so staff can

speedily work through these delays, expand service record scanning services and boost the ability for the Board of Veterans Appeals' to conduct tele-hearings. Additionally, a significant portion of these funds will go towards assistance for scanning veterans' military records and integrating them into VA systems.

- Provide critical funding for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA): As VA continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that they have additional resources to care for our nation's veterans as many may require more expensive care after a year of enduring the pandemic and delaying key appointments or rely on VA exclusively for healthcare due to economic strain. This funding will also support VA so it can continue to sustain CARES Act-supported staffing and service expansions on suicide prevention, women's health, enhancements for VA homelessness programs, and telehealth expansion.
- Bolster VA's supply chain modernization: The pandemic has exposed weaknesses in VA's hospital supply system. Through this funding, we can accelerate VA's supply chain modernization efforts which are crucial for the current and future pandemics.
- Support State Veterans Homes: State Veterans Homes have been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic-- that's why it is critical that we include funding to help states upgrade State Veterans Homes across the country and provide one-time emergency federal payments to support these facilities and ensure veterans are adequately taken care of during the pandemic.
- Fund stronger oversight through VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG): This funding will help VA's OIG continue their stringent oversight of VA's response to the pandemic.
- Secure assistance for unemployed veterans: The pandemic has left thousands of veterans without work-- by funding up to 12 months of rapid retraining assistance to veterans who are unemployed as a result of the pandemic and do not receive other veteran education benefits, we can help veterans get back to work.
- Prohibit copayments for medical care for veterans during pandemic: During this unprecedented emergency, veterans should not have to pay for medical care. This funding will allow VA to waive copays that would otherwise be charged to veterans for VA healthcare services during the pandemic and reimburse those for veterans who have already submitted payments.

Veterans Affairs News



Senate Confirms Denis McDonough to Head Veterans Affairs Department

The Senate voted 87-7 on Monday Feb. 8 to confirm President Biden's pick, Denis McDonough, to serve as Veterans Affairs secretary,

making him only the second non-veteran to lead the troubled department.

While McDonough did not serve in the armed forces, the 51-year-old is a veteran public servant. He was President Barack Obama's chief of staff, a position he assumed in February 2013. Before that he served as the deputy national security advisor and as the chief of staff of the national security staff and as the deputy national security advisor for strategic communications.

As head of the VA, McDonough is inheriting the formidable task of overseeing the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to many of the 18 million veterans across the nation.

During his confirmation hearing last month, McDonough told the Senate that he's been directed by Biden "to focus on getting our veterans through this pandemic."

He is also taking over the behemoth agency — the largest integrated health care system in the U.S. — as it faces a long list of problems that have plagued the department for years.

Among its failures, the VA has come under investigation for excessively long wait times for veterans seeking medical care then falsifying records to cover up the delays. And it's long been criticized for its labyrinthine benefits claims process. Additionally, former VA Secretary David Shulkin was embroiled in a scandal involving improper spending of funds, directing subordinates to perform personal duties and improperly accepting gifts.

McDonough told the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee that he would apply "his deep and extensive knowledge of government" to overhauling the department.

"This won't be easy. The Department of Veterans Affairs faces great challenges, challenges made even more daunting by the coronavirus pandemic. Its capabilities have not always risen to the needs of our veterans," he said.

Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer tweeted, "The VA has one of the most sacred missions of any federal agency: To care for those who shall have borne the battle. Denis McDonough's decades of experience make him highly qualified for this job. I'm proud the Senate just confirmed him to serve as Pres. Biden's VA Secretary."

From Military Times

New VA Secretary promises unity around work to reform veterans programs



In his first message to veterans and department staff since his confirmation, Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough promised to base all of his decisions around “whether it increases veterans’ access to care and benefits and improves outcomes for them” as he takes on the task of reforming the massive federal bureaucracy.

“At this moment when our country must come together, caring for you, our country’s veterans and your families, is a mission that can unite us all,” McDonough said in a statement shortly after he was sworn into office.

“The president has called on every American to embrace our responsibility to support our veterans and their families. So this administration will work with other federal departments and agencies ... and with other state and local organizations, both public and private, who have the best interests of veterans and their families at heart.”

McDonough, who served as chief of staff under President Barack Obama, is only the second non-veteran to be confirmed to VA’s top leadership role. The Senate voted 87-7 on Monday in favor of his nomination, and Vice President Kamala Harris formally swore him into office less than 18 hours later.

Most of the themes in McDonough’s first message as secretary echoed the same promises he outlined in his confirmation hearing last month.

He said the department is prepared to “do everything in our power to help veterans get through this pandemic [and] help them build civilian lives through education and jobs worthy of their skills and service.” He also promised to keep the department’s focus on ending veterans’ suicide and homelessness while making VA a place that “welcomes all veterans, including women, veterans of color, and LGBTQ veterans.”

In a nod to scandals that undermined the last months of his predecessor, former VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, McDonough also said that his leadership team will put an emphasis on preventing discrimination and sexual harassment throughout the VA system. Numerous veteran groups and Democratic lawmakers had called for Wilkie’s resignation for mishandling a sexual assault claim by a veteran visiting the Washington, D.C. VA medical center.

“All VA patients, staff, their families, caregivers, survivors, visitors, and advocates must feel safe in a workplace free of harassment and discrimination,” McDonough said. “I will not accept discrimination, harassment, or assault at any level or at any facility within VA. We will provide a safe, inclusive environment for veterans and VA employees.”

The White House has yet to release the names of nominees of other senior VA appointees, including McDonough’s top deputy and head of VA health care programs. On Tuesday, McDonough hinted only that those nominees would reflect “the incredible diversity that defines our veteran population and all of America.”

Specific announcements on those personnel are expected in coming weeks.

McDonough said that now that his confirmation is finished, he is moving forward to “fight like hell to give our veterans and their families the benefits, services, respect, and dignity they deserve,” echoing a line he has used numerous times since his own nomination was announced in December.



VVA Applauds Confirmation of Denis McDonough as VA Secretary

“Vietnam Veterans of America applauds the overwhelming 87-7 vote to confirm Denis McDonough as Secretary of Veterans Affairs,” said VVA National President John Rowan. “We have full confidence that Denis McDonough will work with the Veterans Service Organizations and Military Service Organizations to improve veterans’ healthcare and other services. We are compiling a list for his attention, including the long-overdue implementation of Pub.L. 114-315, the Toxic Exposure Research Act; the immediate implementation of the three additions to the list of diseases presumed service-connected to Agent Orange (Pub.L. 116-283), and more.

“Denis McDonough has the knowledge and experience needed to be an effective leader of the Department of Veterans Affairs,” noted Rowan. “We expect the Secretary to hit the ground running, and we look forward to working with him,” noted Rowan.

“Though not a veteran, he’s deeply familiar with the complex Veterans Health Administration,” said Rowan. “As White House chief of staff under President Barack Obama, McDonough worked closely with former VA secretaries Eric Shinseki and Bob McDonald, as well as Congress to address the wait-time scandal, formulating Veterans Choice, thus opening the door to the private sector to augment veterans’ healthcare services from the VA. We believe he will lead the VA to fill all the vacancies currently impeding VA’s capacity to serve veterans.”

Prior to serving as White House chief of staff, McDonough served as deputy national security adviser (2010-2013) and as Chief of Staff of the National Security Council (2009-2010).

Following his time with the Obama administration, McDonough has worked for the Markle Foundation, focusing on employment and job training for Americans. His experience on Capitol Hill includes senior foreign policy advisor to Sen. Tom Daschle and legislative director for Sen. Ken Salazar. A native of Stillwater, Minnesota, he graduated from Saint John's University in 1992 and Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service with an MSFS degree in 1996.

VA announces additional leadership appointments

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released the names of the latest key appointees in the department.

James Anderson, special assistant, Office of the Secretary: James Anderson served as a prior-enlisted Air Force intelligence officer at U.S. Air Forces Central Command. He founded the University of South Carolina's Veterans Alumni Council, a 200 plus membership-based organization with an endowed scholarship for military members and their families. Anderson held fellowships with the Center for a New American Security, Truman National Security Project, Veteran's in Global Leadership and was a Fulbright scholar in Canada. He continues to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve assigned to headquarters Department of the Air Force's Intelligence Directorate.

John Boerstler, chief Veterans experience officer, Veterans Experience Office: John Boerstler served as the chief executive officer of Veteran-focused nonprofit Combined Arms. A native of Texas, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1999-2007 including deployments to Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Djibouti, and Kenya. Boerstler helped found the Lone Star Veterans Association to serve Houston Post-9/11 Veterans and their families.

Melissa Bryant, senior advisor, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs: Melissa Bryant's public service includes roles in both the military and civil service as a senior intelligence officer. As a plans, policy and operations expert for the Department of Defense and intelligence community, she served in key leadership positions with the Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Staff, United States Military Academy and Army intelligence. She also served as the national legislative director for The American Legion and as chief policy officer for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. Bryant is widely recognized for championing causes impacting women and minority service members and Veterans.

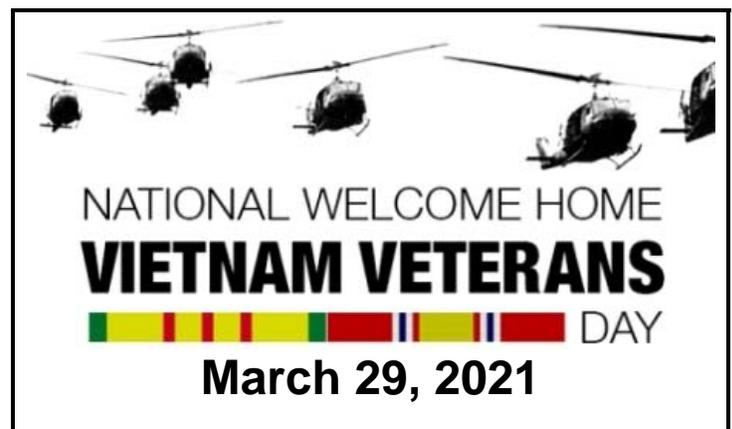
Michael Frueh, principal deputy undersecretary for benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration: A career employee with more than 19 years of service in various VA positions, Michael Frueh has held the positions of deputy assistant secretary for planning and performance management in the Office of Enterprise Integration; assistant deputy undersecretary in field operations for the Benefits Assistance Service and Transition Assistance Program; Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) chief of staff to the undersecretary for benefits and executive director for VBA's Loan Guaranty Service.

Joshua Jacobs, senior advisor, Office of the Secretary: Prior to rejoining VA, Joshua Jacobs was a senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton. He previously served as a VA senior advisor for the Office of the Secretary and a special assistant in VA's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. He also served nine years in the U.S. Senate, including two years as deputy staff director for the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Kimberly McClain, Ph.D., deputy assistant secretary, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs: Kimberly McClain holds a doctorate in philosophy in International Studies. Prior to joining VA, she served as director for congressional strategy with the Department of the Air Force Legislative Affairs. She has also served in a variety of roles with the Department of Defense to include senior international advisor for Latin America with U.S. Cyber Command and director of the Defense Senior Leadership Development Program. McClain is an Air Force Reservist with more than 29 years of leadership experience in international and legislative affairs and as a senior air battle manager. As an Air Force Reserve officer, she currently serves as a senior international cooperation advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff within Strategic Plans and Policy.

Aaron Scheinberg, special assistant to the secretary, Congressional and Legislative Affairs: Aaron Scheinberg served as a legislative assistant to Senator Joe Manchin, leading the West Virginia senator's team on Veterans and broadband internet policy. Before working in the Senate, Aaron was a candidate for Congress in West Virginia's 2nd Congressional District and received bi-partisan endorsements from Veterans and advocates across the country. Scheinberg helped build and lead, The Mission Continues, a national Veterans nonprofit, where he helped thousands of Veterans reintegrate to civilian life by leading community development projects in 40 cities across the U.S.

Christopher Villatoro, COVID-19 response coordinator, Office of the Secretary: Christopher Villatoro has more than 14 years of combined federal service in both the U.S. Marine Corps and Department of Veteran Affairs. While in the Marine Corps he served in different capacities around the world. He later continued to serve at VA in multiple roles in support of Veteran health care.



Left Jab Shoot down – 50 years ago



Vanguard 216, with five crewmembers aboard, was shot down by a Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) during a mission over the DMZ – just 5 days before this newsletter editor arrived in Vietnam. Vanguard 216 was assigned to the 138th Aviation Co. (RR), sister company to the 146th Aviation Co. (RR) where the editor was assigned, and crewed RU-21D Vanguard 127.

From Task & Purpose

Here’s why Army helicopters have Native American names

Black Hawk. Apache. Comanche. Lakota. Notice anything?

The Army’s history of naming its helicopters after Native American tribes and figures stems from an Army regulation made decades ago. The regulation has since been rescinded, but the tradition has carried on over the years.

An Army press release explained the backstory of the U.S. military’s “long history” with Native Americans — and specifically the American Indian Wars.

“But Native Americans also served as some of the fiercest fighters for the United States for more than 200 years,” the release said. “In fact, 32 Native Americans have earned the nation’s highest military award, the Medal of Honor.”

Here’s why Army helicopters have Native American names

The tradition originated from Army Gen. Hamilton Howze, who was tasked with the job to “develop doctrine and the way forward when it came to employing Army aircraft” after the Air Force split from the Army in 1947, the Army release said.

The original names for two helicopters were “Hoverfly” and “Dragonfly” — which Howze didn’t like. He decided the next helicopter would be called the Sioux “in honor of the Native Americans who fought Army soldiers in the Sioux Wars and defeated the 7th Cavalry Regiment at the Battle of Little Bighorn.”

And from that decision, years later in 1969, Army Regulation 70-28 was born.

AR 70-28 required that Army aircraft had to be named after “Indian terms and names of American Indian tribes and chiefs.” It also directed that tanks would be named after American generals, infantry weapons “would receive names for famous early American pioneers,” and assault weapons would have “fearsome reptile and insect names,” according to the press release.

Though the regulation has since been rescinded, the tradition for Army helicopters was set.

A 2008 press release further explained the process behind deciding on a name for an Army helicopter, saying that before the service could use the name Lakota for the UH-72A Lakota, the Lakota tribe was consulted for permission.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs advised Stephen Hart, a Light Utility Helicopter maintenance manager, that the Army “had to contact and obtain approval from a majority of the council members making up the Sioux Nation,” of which the Lakotas are a part.

Within six months, the Army had received the permission they needed. The Army wanted that name specifically, the press release said, because the Lakotas “were known as a peaceful, non-aggressive people,” and the helicopter “is a non-arms-bearing helicopter that performs medical and casualty evacuations, provides disaster relief, aids in homeland defense, and also works to counter drugs and narcotics.”

In February 2008, Rosebud Sioux tribal leaders joined the Army for a ceremony at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to celebrate the new helicopter.

Rodney Bordeaux, the Rosebud Sioux tribal council president, said at the ceremony that it was a “great honor to have our name out there now where people can see it.”



UH-1 Iroquois

OH-6 Cayuse

OH-58 Kiowa

CH-54 Tarhe

Helping Hands for Our Fellow Veterans



Won't You Please Give a Helping Hand to a Brother or Sister Veteran?

Several veterans have contacted Chapter 120 asking for help in paying the most basic of needs for themselves and their families. These veterans are those who do not qualify for regular federal, state or local assistance – they fall into that financial category where they make too much to qualify for assistance, but not enough to afford basic needs for their families, like food, fuel for heat, or clothing for their children.

Chapter 120 has decided to ask you – our members – to lend a helping hand to your fellow veterans and their families. Won't you please consider donating for this worthy cause? Even a small amount of \$5 can make a difference – or more if you can afford to help a fellow veteran and his or her family.

Please send your generous gift, made out to Connecticut Chapter 120, to:

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
 Connecticut Chapter 120
 Attention: Helping Hands for Veterans
 P.O. Box 4136
 Hartford, CT 06145

Chapter 120 has established a separate line item in the budget to collect donations to assist these fellow veterans and their families in need. *And don't forget, your donations are tax deductible.*

Newsletter articles/ stories/photos

Any articles, stories and/or photos submitted for the newsletter must be received by the "cut off" date for any given month. Photos must be accompanied by text which describes the event, names, dates and any other pertinent facts so our readers understand the story behind the photo(s). The newsletter editor will announce the "cut off" dates at each Chapter meeting. The "cut off" date for our April 2021 newsletter is 19 March 2021. Due to space availability, the editor reserves the right to include or not include photos for a given month.

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