

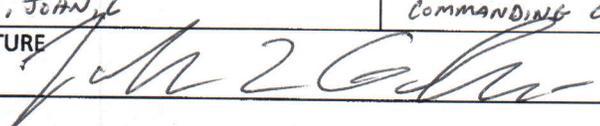
Recommendation for FTIG Memorialization, Dedication and Naming

1. TO GARRISON COMMANDER FORT INDIAN TOWN GAP ANNVILLE, PA 17003	2. FROM COMMANDING GENERAL 28th INFANTRY DIVISION HARRISBURG, PA 17103	3. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20140528
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PART I - SOLDIER DATA

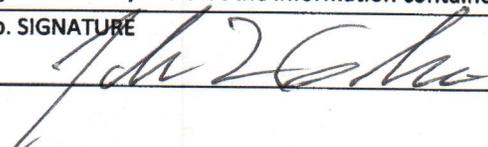
4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) MCLAUGHLIN, MICHAEL E.	5. RANK LTC	6. SSN (If Known)
7. PAARNG UNIT ASSOCIATED WITH 2/28 BCT	8. AWARDS RECEIVED SILVER STAR, BRONZE STAR, PURPLE HEART	9. DATE(S) OF AWARD(S) POSTHUMOUS

PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

10. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GRONSKI, JOHN J.	11. RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINATED SOLDIER COMMANDING OFFICER
12. SIGNATURE 	

PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA

(LIST INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER)

13. ACHIEVEMENTS	
ACHIEVEMENT #1 LTC McLaughlin was instrumental in training the Fire Support Element that supported maneuver units within the brigade during post mobilization training for OIF.	
ACHIEVEMENT #2 LTC McLaughlin worked tirelessly with Iraqi provincial government leaders in the Al Anbar province of Iraq, and sheikhs with 2 brigades Area of Operation which is a direct reflection of over 805 votes, voting during the OCT 2005 elections.	
ACHIEVEMENT #3 LTC McLaughlin was instrumental behind the thousands of "Sons of Ramadi" who volunteered to join the Iraqi Police Force.	
ACHIEVEMENT #4 LTC McLaughlin was killed in action on 05 January 2006 by a suicide bomber at an Iraqi Police recruiting event in Ramadi, Iraq. His leadership, enthusiasm, optimism and commitment to duty are an inspiration for future generations to follow.	
14. PROPOSED DEDICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RANGE <input type="checkbox"/> TRAINING AREA <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING <input type="checkbox"/> STREET <input type="checkbox"/> ROOM	
15. Verified attached: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation Packet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FTIG Form 1-33 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biographical Summary	
15a. I certify that this individual is eligible for Memorialization/Dedication in accordance with Fort Indiantown Gap Regulation 1-33; and that the information contained in Part I is correct.	
15b. SIGNATURE 	15c. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 28 May 2014

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PART IV – RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

16. PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:		
16a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	16b. RANK	16c. TITLE/POSITION
16d. SIGNATURE		
16e. FACILITY TO BE MEMORIALIZED/DEDICATED		16f. PROJECT OFFICER ASSIGNED
17. APPROVING AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO:		
17a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	17b. RANK	17c. TITLE/POSITION
17d. SIGNATURE		
17e. COMMENTS		

PART V – MEMORIALIZED/DEDICATED DATA

18a. FACILITY/AREA DEDICATED	18b. FACILITY NAME
18c. DATE OF CEREMONY	18d. PLAQUE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> INTERIOR <input type="checkbox"/> EXTERIOR
18e. PROJECT OFFICER (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)	
18f. SIGNATURE	18g. DATE (YYYYMMDD)



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HEADQUARTERS, 28TH INFANTRY DIVISION
HARRISBURG MILITARY POST
14TH & CALDER STREETS
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17103-1297

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28 May 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, National Guard Training Center, Fort Indiantown Gap,
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002

SUBJECT: Request to memorialize OP13 in name of LTC Michael McLaughlin

1. This memorandum is a proposal to name Building OP13, located on Fort Indiantown Gap, in honor of LTC Michael McLaughlin.
2. Biographical Sketch attached for your reference.
3. LTC McLaughlin's outstanding achievements include award of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom. LTC McLaughlin was the leader engagement officer for 2nd Brigade, 28th Infantry Division and was killed in action during an Iraqi Police recruiting event at the glass factory in Ramadi on 5 January 2005. LTC McLaughlin was a field artillery officer who spent many years in the 107th FA BN and 2nd Brigade, 28ID. He was responsible for forming and training a fire support element at Camp Shelby, MS prior to 2nd BDE's deployment to Iraq. This FSE was made up of various fire support Soldiers from many different states who never worked together before arriving at Camp Shelby.
4. If approved, the name of OP13 will change to "OP13, LTC Michael McLaughlin Observation Post"
5. Rational/Recommended Citation:
LTC Michael McLaughlin distinguished himself as a leader during 2nd Brigade, 28th Infantry Division's mobilization in January 2005 and subsequent deployment to Ramadi, Iraq in June 2005. LTC McLaughlin was instrumental in training the Fire Support Element that supported the maneuver units within the Brigade during the post-mobilization training period from January through May 2005 at Camp Shelby, MS and Fort Irwin, CA. Upon arriving in Iraq, LTC McLaughlin's primary duty was to work as the non-lethal effects and leader engagement officer for the Brigade. LTC McLaughlin worked tirelessly with Iraqi provincial government leaders in Al Anbar Province and with sheiks in the 2nd BDE Area of Operations. Over 805 of voters, voted in the elections in Ramadi in October 2005, up from less than 5% the previous January. He was also the force behind the thousands of "Sons of Ramadi" who volunteered to join the Iraqi police in the autumn of 2005. LTC McLaughlin was killed in action by a suicide bomber at an Iraqi Police recruiting event at the Glass Factory in Ramadi, Iraq on 5 January 2006, while leading from the front and engaging the young men of Ramadi. LTC Michael McLaughlin's leadership, enthusiasm, optimism, and commitment to duty should be an inspiration for all future generations of Soldiers.
6. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at 717-787-5113 or john.l.gronski.mil@mail.mil.

JOHN L. GRONSKI
BG, PAARNG
Commanding

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

McLAUGHLIN, MICHAEL E.

Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard

Date and Place of Birth: 29 October 1961, Munich, West Germany

Date Deceased: 05 January 2006, Ar Ramadi, Iraq

Civilian Achievements

Unknown

Decorations/Badges

Silver Star, Posthumous

Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous

Purple Heart, Posthumous

Army Commendation Medal, 2

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, 6

National Defense Service Medal, 2

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with w/"M" device

Hour Glass Device, Silver

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon

Combat Action Badge, Posthumous

State Awards

Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal

Pennsylvania Service Ribbon, 2

MG T.R. White Medal

GEN T. J. Stewart Medal

Pennsylvania 20 year Medal

99 Millimeter Pistol Expert

Army Achievement Medal

Field Artillery Honorable Order of Saint Barbara



Michael E. McLaughlin

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

State: Pennsylvania

Units: 1/229th Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Service Battery, Battery A and Battery B, 1/107th Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery and Service Battery 28th Infantry Division Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Erich McLaughlin served with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for over 23 years. He was born in Munich, Germany, and later moved to Tionesta, Pennsylvania. He graduated from West Forest High School in June 1980, and attended Clarion University where he began his military career as a ROTC cadet. LTC McLaughlin was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1982. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with degrees in Industrial Management and Engineering, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. LTC McLaughlin's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Nation Defense Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), The Armed Forces Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, the Pennsylvania Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2), the Pennsylvania 20 Year Medal, the MG T. R. White Medal, the GEN T.J. Stewart Medal, the 99 Millimeter Pistol Expert and the Field Artillery Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

LTC McLaughlin mobilized in January 2005 for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He was killed in action on January 5 2006 in Ramadi, Iraq while serving with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He was the first officer and the 30th Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldier to die in action since World War II.