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6 December 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR State Armory Board

SUBJECT: Memorial Plaques Request – EAATS Medical Dispensary

1. References:

a. Army Regulation 1-33, The Army Memorial Program, 25 Oct 18

b. TAGPA Guideline – Memorial Programs (Naming of Pennsylvania National Guard Facilities)

2. On 26 Nov 19, an email vote request was presented to Memorial Programs Board members. *Friends of Vietnam Dustoff* requested approval to place plaques in the EAATS Aeromedical facility honoring CW5 John Michael Travers and WO1 John Stephen Chrin for their service as Vietnam War DUSTOFF pilots.

3. TAGPA Guideline, Paragraph d.3.c.ii. states that personnel should be closely associated with the activities, unit and or facilities that will be named for them. A memorial placed at the EAATS Medical Dispensary is befitting considering its aviation training mission and CW5 Travers lengthy service at EAATS.

4. Five board members-LTC Daneen Hutton, Lt Col Donald O'Shell, LTC Michael Siriani, MAJ Nathaniel Lantz, and MAJ Guy Smith voted unanimously to approve this request. It is the Board's recommendation that the State Armory Board approve this request.

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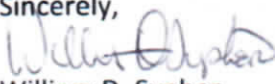
Ref: Your letter 20 June 2019.

Sir,

Thank you for your consideration of naming a building at Fort Indiantown Gap in honor of WO1 John S. Chrin and CW5 John M. Travers, and for the SAB recommendation "that such a memorial action be considered for the EAATS Medical Dispensary.....A memorial wall or similar dedication effort could be justified and appropriate given the historical connection of both personnel and activities."

We have met with Major Martella and Command Sargent Major Dowling at EAATS and discussed placement of plaques honoring the above individuals' service to USA and to PA in EAATS Aeromedical Facility. EAATS permission is subject to TAG/SAB approval.

Therefore, we request the TAG/SAB approve the request to place plaques in the EAATS Aeromedical Facility to honor the above Vietnam War DUSTOFF pilots for their service and sacrifice to America and to Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

William D. Sypher

Never have so few,
With so little,
Saved so many.



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17003-5002

June 20, 2019

Mr. William D. Sypher
56 Lincoln School Road
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Dear Mr. Sypher,

Thank you for recognizing the dedicated and professional service of WO1 John Stephen Chrin and CW5 John Michael Travers.

We take the naming of facilities very seriously and we conduct a thorough analysis of the facts presented to the Board for consideration. We are also bound by Army Regulations that regulate the memorialization (naming) of our facilities. After careful consideration I regret to inform you that the Board voted not to name the Troop Medical Clinic, building 4-114 the "DUSTOFF Dispensary" and be dedicated to Vietnam Dustoff pilots, WO1 John Stephen Chrin and CW5 John Michael Travers. This was a difficult decision by the Board, as we recognize their dedicated and distinguished service to the Nation.

When we considered the request, we followed the criteria outlined in Army Regulation 1-33, The Army Memorial Program and the guidance within our policies in naming facilities. The Board felt that while their service was distinguished, it did not meet the criteria or intent of the regulation and guidance. In considering this request we conducted extensive research into the service records of each individual by requesting personnel files from the National Personnel Records Center and compared their service with other service members from Pennsylvania who were Medal of Honor recipients, killed in action and decorated for gallantry or soldiers not killed in action but displayed rare examples of conspicuous service. We also consider personnel who have rendered distinguished service in both peacetime and war with major enduring accomplishments that would compare favorably with other members based on the criteria listed above. Where possible, the personnel being considered should be closely associated with the activities, unit and or facilities that will be named for them. The Board felt that these criteria were not met.

This decision is not meant to diminish the service these two distinguished and brave soldiers displayed. This recommendation in no way detracts from the admirable and significant contributions and sacrifices of the DustOff units and personnel during their service in Vietnam. Conversely, this board would like to recommend that such a memorial action be considered for the EAATS Medical Dispensary, due to its aviation training mission and CW5 Travers lengthy service at EAATS. A memorial wall or similar dedication effort could be justified and appropriate given the historical connection of both personnel and activities.

If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact my Deputy of Facilities and Engineering, Mr. Marc Ferraro at 717) 861-2915 or marc ferraro@pa.gov. Thank you for keeping the spirit of these two individuals alive and thank you for your service to our nation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Carrelli", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Anthony J. Carrelli
Major General, Pennsylvania
Air National Guard
The Adjutant General