

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1743

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Cameron K. McKinley was born on Decem-
6 ber 9, 1930, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

1 (2) Dr. McKinley served in the U.S. Marine
2 Corps Reserve in Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1947–
3 1949.

4 (3) McKinley served valiantly at Wiesbaden Air
5 Force Hospital during and after the Vietnam War,
6 providing therapy to military personnel and their
7 families.

8 (4) Dr. McKinley served with great distinction
9 as the Chief of Psychology at the Veterans Affairs
10 Hospital in Prescott, Arizona, from 1981–1995.

11 (5) At the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital,
12 Dr. McKinley organized a “Rap Group” for Vietnam
13 Era veterans dealing with various degrees of Post
14 Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). That group of
15 veterans formed the Vietnam Veterans of America,
16 Chapter 95.

17 (6) Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 95,
18 in concert with Dr. McKinley, local leaders, busi-
19 nesses and nonprofit groups petitioned the Federal
20 Government for a free-standing Veterans Affairs
21 Medical Center (VAMC).

22 (7) Congress authorized 91 new rural VAMCs,
23 among them the Prescott Vet Center. In June of
24 1985, the Prescott Vet Center opened.

1 (8) Dr. McKinley spent decades tackling the
2 pressing issue of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
3 (PTSD) head on, by providing cutting-edge psycho-
4 logical and neuropsychological assessments to the re-
5 turning veterans of three wars. Produced targeted
6 action plans for veterans suffering from PTSD, giv-
7 ing them tools to deal with their afflictions and tran-
8 sition successfully back into civilian life.

9 (9) Dr. McKinley’s cutting-edge work has
10 earned him recognition from Prescott VAMC, Viet-
11 nam Veterans of America, the Veterans’ Readjust-
12 ment Counseling Center, and the United States De-
13 partment of the Army for his outstanding work to
14 improve the lives of veterans of multiple generations.

15 (10) It is only well and fitting that as a tribute
16 to this remarkable person’s life that Congress seek
17 to name the facility after the leader who was its in-
18 spiration and a lifesaver for so many.

19 **SEC. 2. DR. CAMERON MCKINLEY, DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
20 **ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER.**

21 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
22 fairs Vet Center located at 3180 Stillwater Dr. #A, Pres-
23 cott, AZ, shall after the date of the enactment of this Act
24 be known and designated as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley
25 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

1 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
2 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
3 States to the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center
4 referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a ref-
5 erence to the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Vet-
6 erans Affairs Vet Center”.

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