



AMERICAN BATTLE
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

September 15, 2016

The Honorable Bill Nelson
226 East Robinson St. Suite 410
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for contacting the American battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). This letter is in reference to the query filed by [REDACTED] *Exemption 6*

The monument in questions was a gifted to the United States by the local community surrounding the Normandy American Cemetery in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. The monument represents the appreciation of the community liberated by the Armed Forces of the United States in 1944 and is a token of gratitude to the men and women who rest in the cemetery today. When the monument was constructed, a typographical error was accidentally inserted into the text. Please understand there was no intent to offend or disrespect those that the monument honors.

The superintendent of Normandy American Cemetery has removed the monument and is endeavoring to determine how to best make the correction.

Should you have further questions in this regard, please feel free to contact me by phone at 703-696-6789 or by e-mail at nosalt@abmc.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Nosal
Chief of External Affairs



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

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August 31, 2016

American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza 2, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from one of my constituents. It involves an important matter under the jurisdiction of your agency.

Your review and response to the issues raised would be greatly appreciated. Please send your correspondence directly to my office and reference [REDACTED] for our records. I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience and thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Exemption b

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

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Enclosure

Please complete the sections that apply to your case.

Military or Veteran's Issues

Military ID/VA ID/Other ID Number _____ Sponsor's ID / SSN _____
Rank / Unit _____ Duty Station _____

Immigration Issues

Receipt Number _____ Alien Registration Number A - _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Type of Application Filed _____

Social Security Administration Issues

Type of file claimed?

Initial Claim	Date Filed _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Reconsideration	Date Filed _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
ALJ Hearing	Date Filed _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Appeals Council	Date Filed _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied

Case Details

Please briefly explain your problem. (In writing, provide my office with a detailed account. Include any additional relevant correspondence that you have initiated or received concerning your problem.)

Please state how you would like Senator Nelson to help you.

While we were at the American cemetery at Colleville I took a picture of the sign as you enter. Didn't notice at the time but while looking through them I noticed a misprint. Thought maybe you could get some motion on it?? Tried the American Battle Monuments Commission last week (no response) and sent an email to VFW the other day. They replied to try the cemetery directly.

The sign "The Longest Night" says:

Visitor

Look how many of them there were

Look how young they were

They died for your freedom

Hold back your tears and keep silent.

Fairly certain it should say "Look how young they were"??

Seems a bit disgraceful and disrespectful.

Will gladly send photo

Consent For Release Of Information/4.25.05

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0905



All are due to
Exemption 6

Consent For Release Of Information

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that written consent be obtained from the constituent before information can be disclosed from a government agency's record. So that I can legally act on your behalf, please complete and sign the following statement and return it to me. *This form is available to the public free of charge.*

Please note, if you are inquiring on behalf of someone, that person must sign the release.

Today's Date 8/19/2016 Social Security Number [REDACTED]

☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Dr. [REDACTED]
First Middle Last

Mailing Address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] Cell Phone [REDACTED] Work Phone [REDACTED]

Date of Birth [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]

I hereby authorize Senator Nelson or his representative to make inquiries into my personal records and or files, and to obtain information about me pertaining to my request for assistance.

Signature [REDACTED] For The Attention Of [REDACTED]

Please return form to:

By Mail:

Office of Senator Bill Nelson
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410
Orlando, Florida 32801

By Fax:

Fax: (407) 872-7165

Questions:

Telephone: (407) 872-7161
Toll-Free in Florida Only:
(888) 671-4091

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IT: ☐ Yes ☐ No IT # [REDACTED] (Caseworker Only) Cross Reference Name [REDACTED]

Referral: ☐ FTL ☐ FTM ☐ JAX ☐ MIA ☐ ORL ☐ TAL ☐ TPA ☐ WPB ☐ BN ☐ GN ☐ PM ☐ BS

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PLEASE COMPLETE PAGE 2 OF THIS FORM

THE AMERICAN CEMETERY AT COLLEVILLE: THE LONGEST NIGHT

At the top of the plateau overlooking Omaha Beach, gently sloping down to the sea, whence came the liberators, this plot of French soil has been given over in perpetuity to the United States. Here lie nearly 10,000 soldiers.

On a low wall, around the monument, figure the names of the 1,557 soldiers whose bodies were never found.

VISITOR,

Look how many of them there were
Look how young they were
They died for your freedom
Hold back your tears and keep silent.



AMERICAN BATTLE
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

November 3, 2016

Mr. Tommy Marquez
Military and Veterans Caseworker
Congressman Duncan Hunter (CA 50)
1611 N. Magnolia Ave., Suite #310
El Cajon, CA 92020

Dear Mr. Marquez:

Thank you for contacting the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). We are aware of the condition of the memorial on Guadalcanal at Bloody Ridge. This memorial is a private memorial and it is located on property outside of the jurisdiction of this agency. Our superintendent at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial is responsible for overseeing the condition of all ABMC memorials in the Pacific. He visits the Solomon Islands to periodically inspect the ABMC memorial and meet with staff at the U.S. Consular Agency. As your constituent indicated, the staff at the consulate is aware of the memorial. There are several private memorials located throughout Solomon Islands and consulate staff is working with local authorities to encourage proper care and maintenance of those memorials.

If your constituent has further questions in this regard, please encourage him to contact me direct at 703-696-6789. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Nosal
Chief, External Affairs

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Duncan Hunter
U.S. House of Representatives
50th District, California
November 2, 2016

Christine R. Fant
American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza 2, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201-3398

Dear Ms. Fant:

I am enclosing correspondence from my constituent, ^{Exemption 6} [REDACTED] Temecula, CA, regarding a request for his concerns to be addressed. I would appreciate your office reviewing this matter and providing me with a complete report of your findings.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Tommy Marquez in my office, at (619) 448-5201.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

DH/tm

Please visit Rep. Hunter's website at www.hunter.house.gov to sign up for e-newsletters and to receive electronic updates.



DUNCAN HUNTER
5TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
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All due to exemption 6

AUTHORIZATION FORM

THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (PL 93-579) BECAME FULLY EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1975. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT IS TO CONTROL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS. ONE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT PROHIBITS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM REVEALING ANY INFORMATION FROM ANY CITIZEN'S GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE PERSON INVOLVED. THE PRIVACY ACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ACTING IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES OR ON BEHALF OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS, UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE RECORDS PERTAIN HAS CONSENTED

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN HUNTER OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES ON MY BEHALF.

NAME: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
CITY/STATE: [REDACTED] ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]
PHONES: (HOME) [REDACTED] (WORK) [REDACTED] (CELL) [REDACTED]
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED] CLAIM/CASE NUMBER: N/A
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PLEASE EXPLAIN BRIEFLY IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE SITUATION AND HOW YOU WOULD LIKE THE CONGRESSMAN TO HELP YOU. ****NOTE**** PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL DETAILS, CASE NUMBERS, AND/OR DATES THAT ARE PERTINENT TO THE SITUATION:

I just returned from a vacation trip to the Solomon Islands (18 Aug-10 Sept 2016). During the trip I made a visit to the war monuments on Guadalcanal. Although they have an outstanding monument commemorating the 1942-43 campaign, the monument at the Bloody Ridge site has been defaced. This is very disturbing as this is one of the most significant sites, for many lives were lost at this location. I believe the least this country could do, would be to repair the monument. I visited the US Consulate at Honiara and spoke to Keithie Saunders (Consular Agent) about my concern. She indicated they were aware of the issue but could do little because the Bloody Ridge location is on tribal land so they have no jurisdiction (although they are making attempts to get the situation addressed). She said it would probably help if she could get additional pushback from US sources (i.e. historical society). I called those sources and they suggested I contact my congressional representative. I have included a copy of her business card. Just for information, I'm a USAF retired veteran and my father was a USMC retired veteran (deceased) who was in the WWII Guadalcanal campaign. Could you please look into this issue. Thanks

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED] DATE: [REDACTED]

Keithie W. Saunders
Consular Agent



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