

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6313

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp, California, as the “Richard A. Pittman Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2021

Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself and Mr. HARDER of California) 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 finds the following:

5 (1) Sgt. Richard A. Pittman was born on May
6 26, 1945, in French Camp, California.

7 (2) Sgt. Pittman enlisted in the Marine Corps
8 in 1965.

1 (3) On July 24, 1966, Sgt. Pittman's unit was
2 moving along a trail near the demilitarized zone in
3 the Republic of Vietnam when the marines ahead of
4 them came under attack.

5 (4) Upon hearing the attack, Sgt. Pittman took
6 a machine gun and several belts of ammunition and
7 rushed to aid his comrades. As he moved towards
8 the attacked marines, Sgt. Pittman came under
9 heavy fire from two automatic weapons, which he
10 was able to destroy.

11 (5) When Sgt. Pittman learned there were addi-
12 tional wounded marines further along the trail, he
13 endured enemy mortar and gunfire to get to them.
14 As he reached them, he faced an attack by 30 to 40
15 enemy fighters.

16 (6) Sgt. Pittman used a combination of ma-
17 chine-gun fire, an enemy submachine gun, a pistol
18 from a fallen comrade, and a grenade to cause the
19 enemy force to withdraw. Due to his courageous ac-
20 tions that day, many of his wounded comrades were
21 saved.

22 (7) In recognition of his bravery that day, Sgt.
23 Pittman was awarded the Medal of Honor by Presi-
24 dent Lyndon B. Johnson on May 14, 1968.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF ROBERT A. PITTMAN DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE**
3 **CLINIC.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs community-based outpatient clinic in French Camp,
6 California, shall after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act be known and designated as the “Robert A. Pittman
8 Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”.

9 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
10 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
11 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
12 be deemed to be a reference to the “Robert A. Pittman
13 Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”.

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