

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1090

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1090
1/9/2025

Designating the Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge

1:32 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Members Absent: Representative Koppelman

Discussion Topics:

- Personal Memorials
- Bridge Designations

1:33 p.m. Jim Nelson, Director, ND Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor #28338.

1:40 p.m. Representative Karen Anderson introduced the bill and submitted testimony #28342 and #28343.

1:43 p.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, ND Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor.

1:44 p.m. Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner, ND Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in favor #28086.

1:46 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

1:46 p.m. Representative Frelich moved a Do Pass.

1:47 p.m. Representative Johnston seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	AB
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

1:47 p.m. Motion Passed 13-0-1

1:47 p.m. Representative Frelich will carry the bill.

1:48 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

Joseph Reed, Committee Clerk

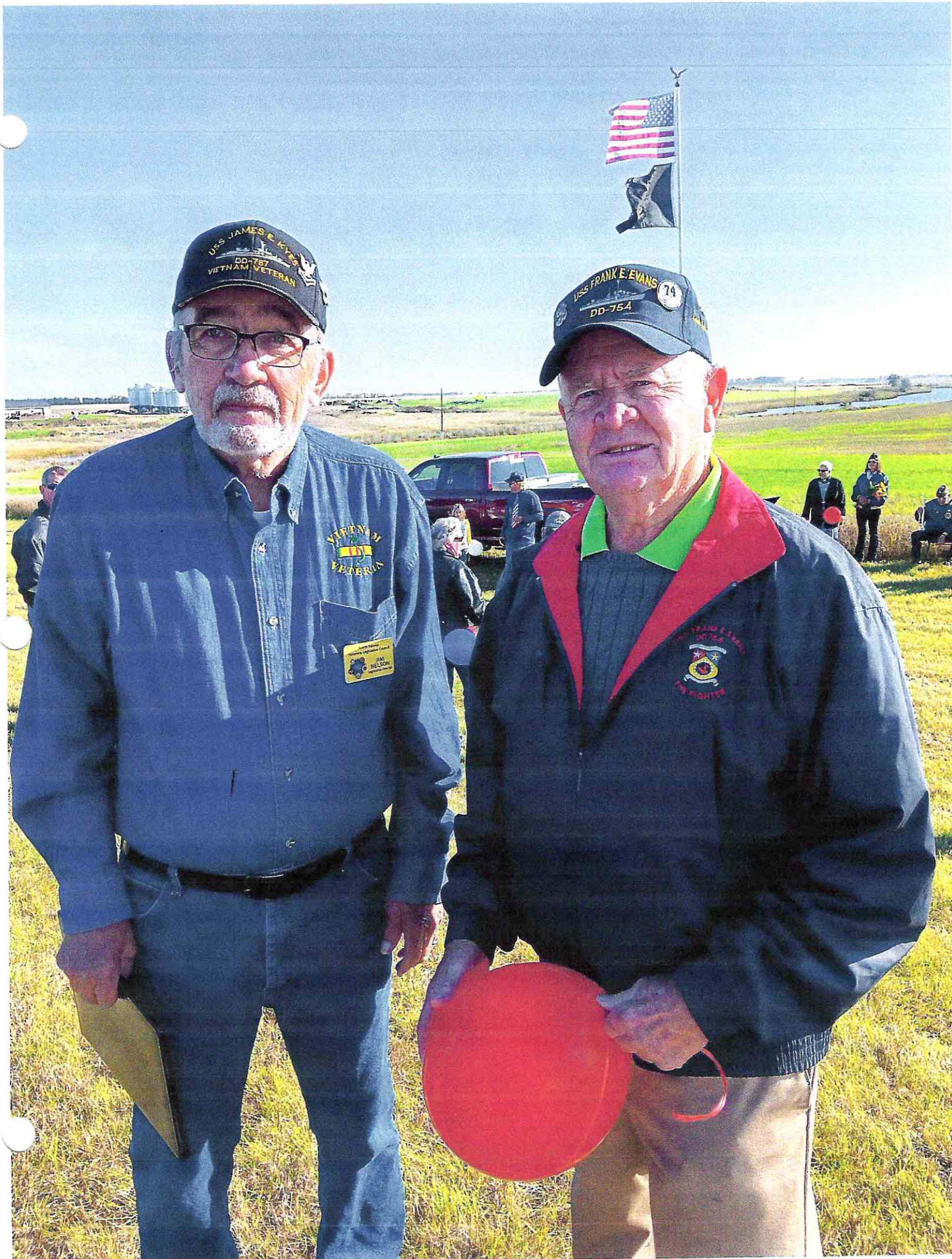
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HB 1090 ([25.0345.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1090 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

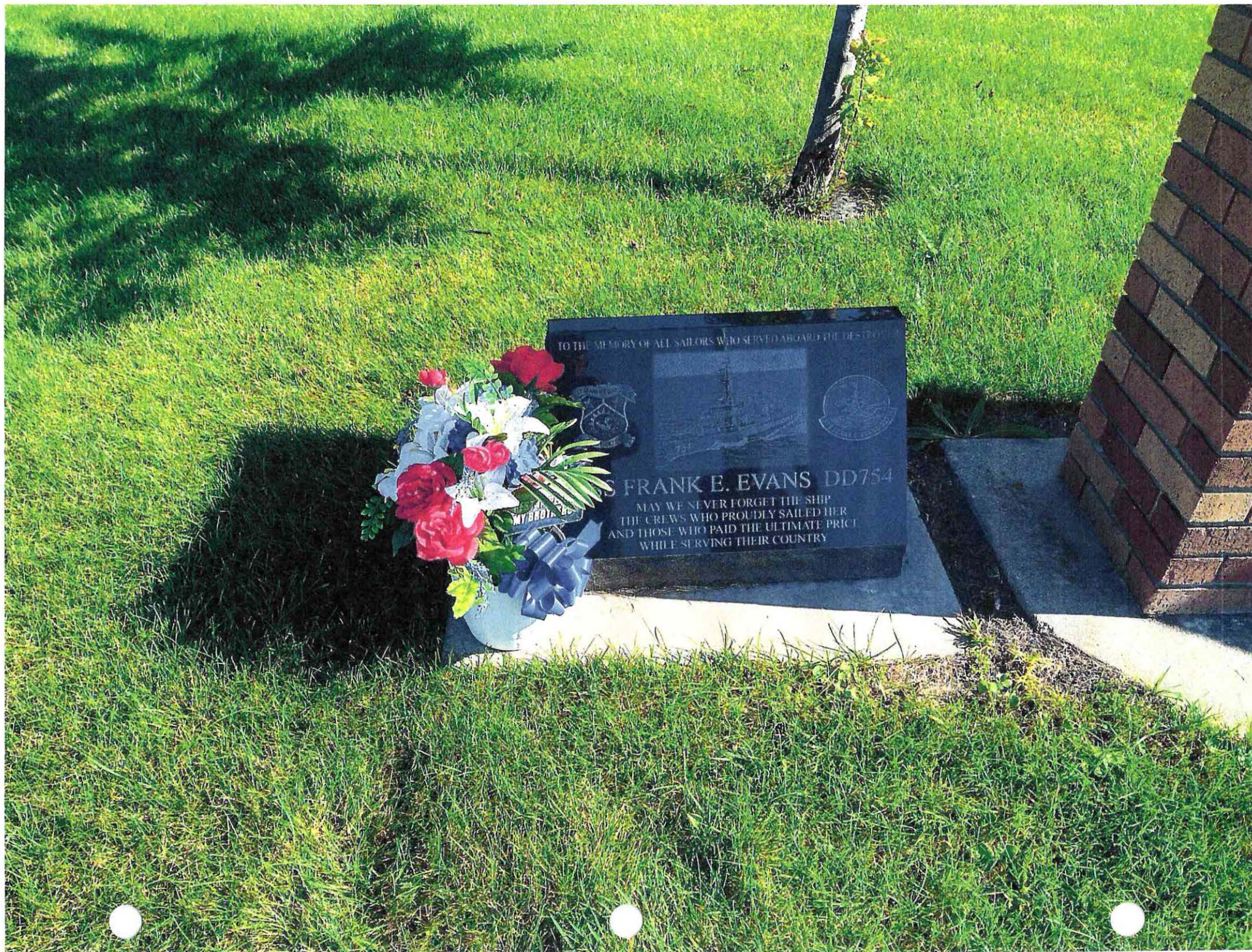
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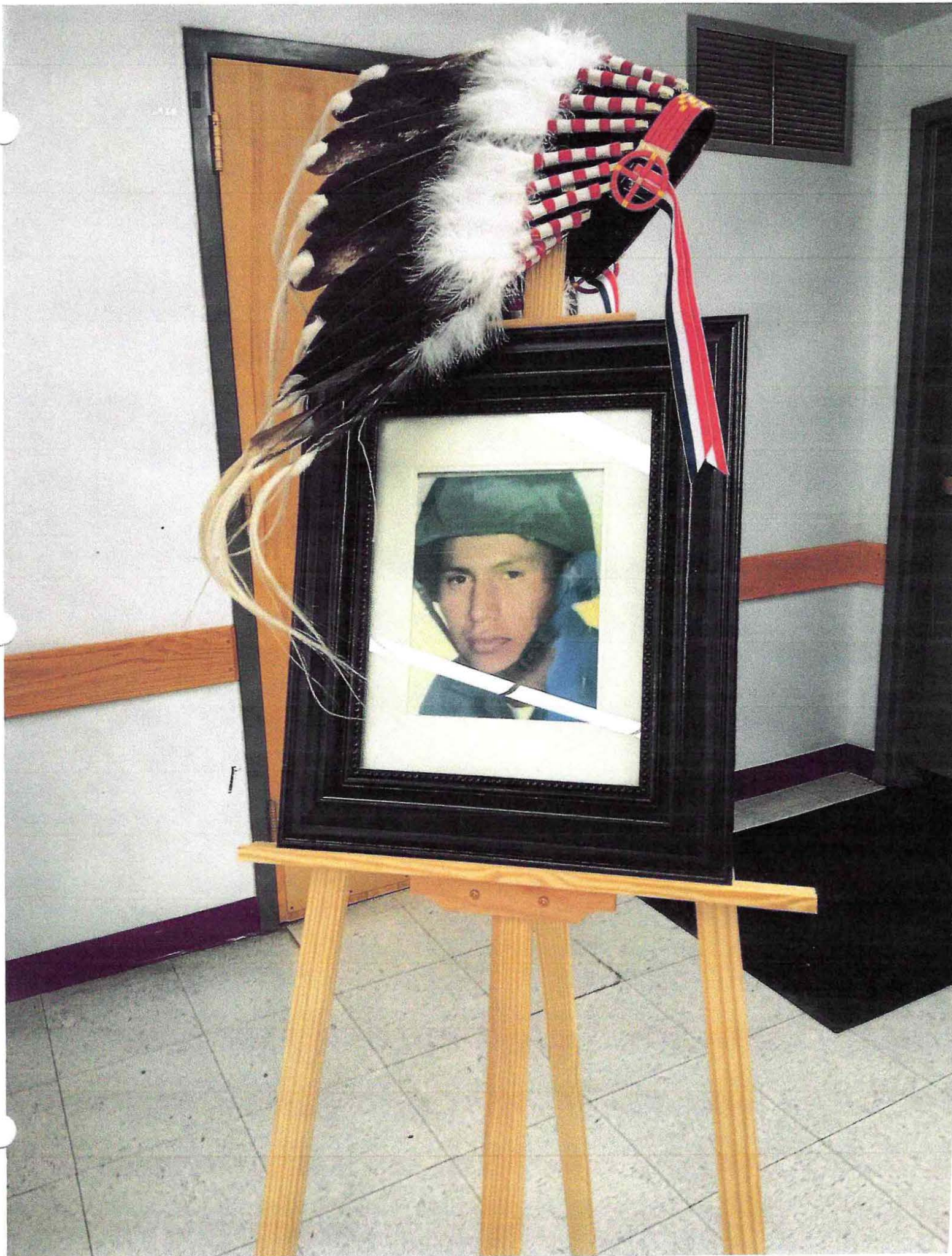
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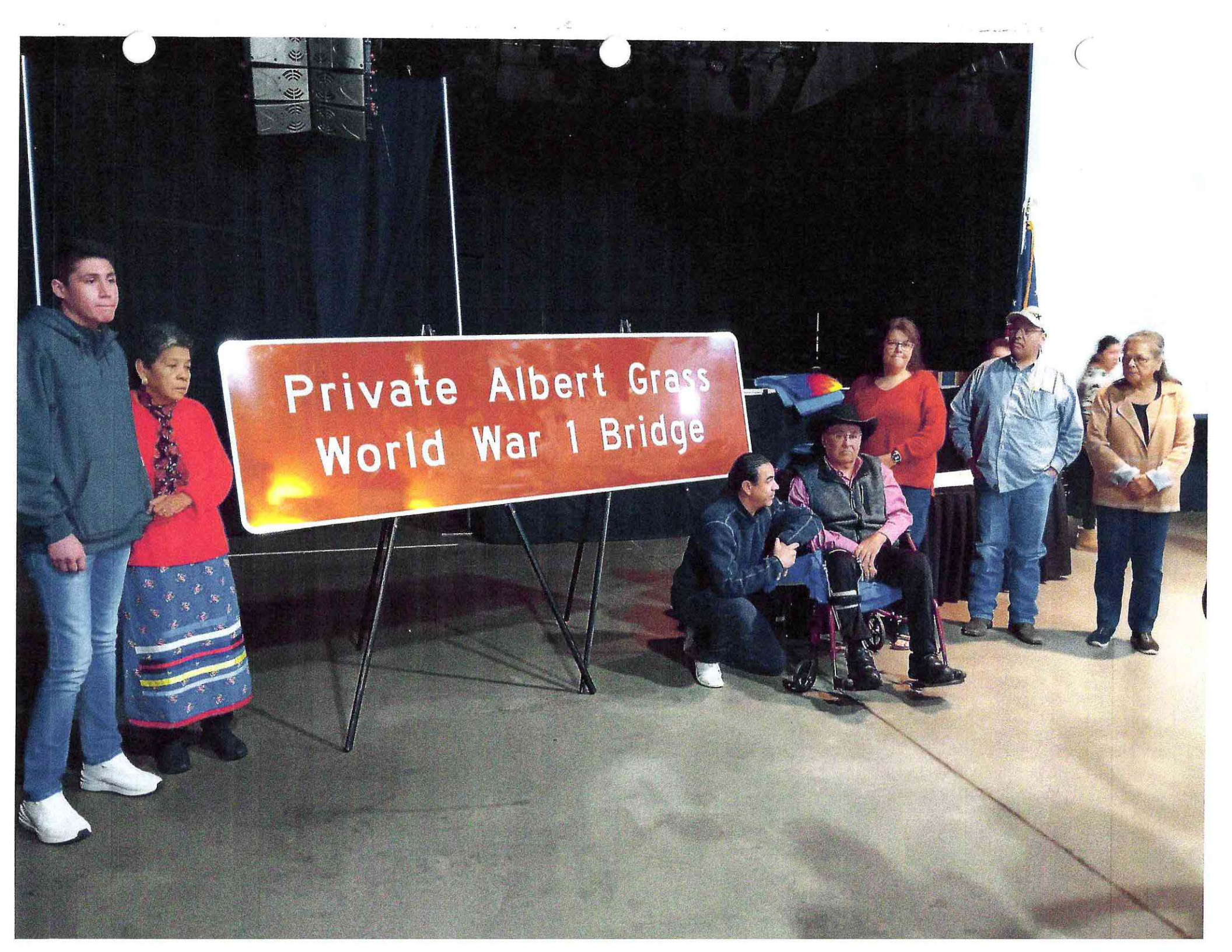


FRANK E. EVANS DD754

MAY WE NEVER FORGET THE SHIP
THE CREWS WHO PROUDLY SAILED HER
AND THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE
WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY







A group of people are gathered around a large, rectangular orange sign with white text. The sign is mounted on a black metal stand. The text on the sign reads "Private Albert Grass" on the top line and "World War 1 Bridge" on the bottom line. To the left of the sign, a young man in a grey hoodie and blue jeans stands next to an older woman wearing a red top and a blue patterned skirt. To the right of the sign, a man in a dark jacket is kneeling, talking to an older man in a cowboy hat and vest who is sitting in a wheelchair. Behind them, several other people are standing, including a woman in a red shirt, a man in a light blue jacket and jeans, and a woman in a tan jacket. The background is dark, and the floor is a light-colored carpet.

Private Albert Grass
World War 1 Bridge





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I have been asked to share a few thoughts about my brother, Richard Orsund. Growing up, he was probably my best friend. We were 2 years apart in age. Thinking back I guess he would have been considered the "all American boy". He was liked and respected by both his peers and also the adults in his life. In high school he was elected as Student Body President. He was involved in sports playing football and running in track. I can remember him coming in from a run around the section when I was just getting up in the morning. This is how he fit in the track practice as he also held an after school job at the local drug store. While in high school he also mowed our church/cemetery lawn. Then on Sunday morning you would find him in church and Sunday School. Often after the death of our grandfather he would pick up our grandmother in Nash and make sure she got to her church service. He never complained about having his younger sister tagging along and I knew I had a ride to any school events!

Family was important to Richard. I remember the letter he wrote to our parents for their 25th wedding anniversary....thankful for their guidance and love while we were growing up. This anniversary happened just a couple months after Richard was deployed to Viet Nam. I never in my wildest dreams thought he would not be returning to us and continuing on with his plans for the future. But that was not to be. I will never forget the day my parents came to the college I was attending to give me the news of his death. I knew immediately when I saw my parents along with the director of nurses what had happened. In some ways it still feels like a dream. He went away a young man, full of dreams. And that is the way he remains in my mind. I often wonder what he would have accomplished in his life. He had already packed so much into his 20 years of living. I know it would have been great! I also regret that my children never got to meet this special man who was their uncle Richard! From what our family has been told he was also well respected by his fellow soldiers and served his country bravely.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit about my brother.
Please consider as a do pass on this bill.

Shirley Van Camp

Drayton,ND

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Mr Chairman and Committee members,

My name is Jerry Ellefson.

Richard and I grew up together on small farms just a few miles apart between Grafton and Park River, North Dakota. We went to the same little country church, South Trinity Lutheran.

In high school, Richard was a great athlete, Co-Captain of the Football Team, a Standout in Track, an honors Student academically and a Leader in everything he was a part of.

I always looked up to him, and I miss him, but he taught me alot by just being around him and watching how he lived his life and how he inspired others.

Richard Orsund was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) at the time of his death on March 27, 1968.

I'm sure that everyone that Served with Richard will always remember him with Love and Respect

Thank you for your Service Richard.

I look forward to seeing you again one day My Brother!

Thank you Mr. Chairman and I would ask for a do pass.

Jerry Ellefson

Mesa, Arizona

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Richard Wayne Orsund

Specialist Four

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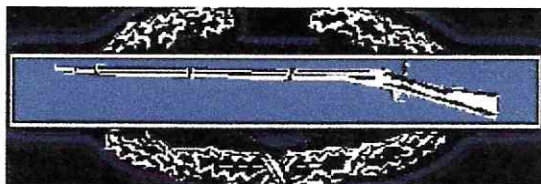
Grafton, North Dakota

July 19, 1947 to March 27, 1968

RICHARD W ORSUND is on the Wall at Panel 46E, Line 48See the full profile or name rubbing for Richard Orsund

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Specialist 4 Richard Wayne Orsund

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

1/09/2025

**House Transportation Committee
69th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1090.

Intent of this bill...

- Provide lasting recognition and appreciation to the North Dakota Service Men and Women who have died for our Country in time of war.
- March 27, 1968, US Army Specialist 4 Richard Wayne Orsund died at the age of 20 in Binh Duong, South Vietnam from a metal fragment wound received from enemy forces while on night perimeter defense with 2nd Squad F Troop 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.
 - He is buried in South Trinity Lutheran Cemetery-Grafton ND.



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Need for bill...

- Keep their memory alive.
- Recognition to the family and friends they left behind.
- Community involvement in the process.

I support this bill and encourage the ND 69th Legislative Assembly to allow all bridges in ND be named after a Fallen ND Service Man or Woman.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1090
2/20/2025

Relating to designating the bridge on state highway 18 as the Specialist 4 Richard W. Orsund Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- NDDOT process of naming bridges
- Background on Richard W. Orsund

9:01 a.m. Representative K. Anderson, District 19, introduced HB 1090 and testified in favor.

9:03 a.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38189, #38193.

9:09 a.m. Brad Darr, State Maintenance Engineer, NDDOT, testified neutral.

9:18 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

9:19 a.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass.

9:19 a.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Klein will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Shirley Van Camp submitted written testimony in favor #38178.

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9:19 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

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Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1090 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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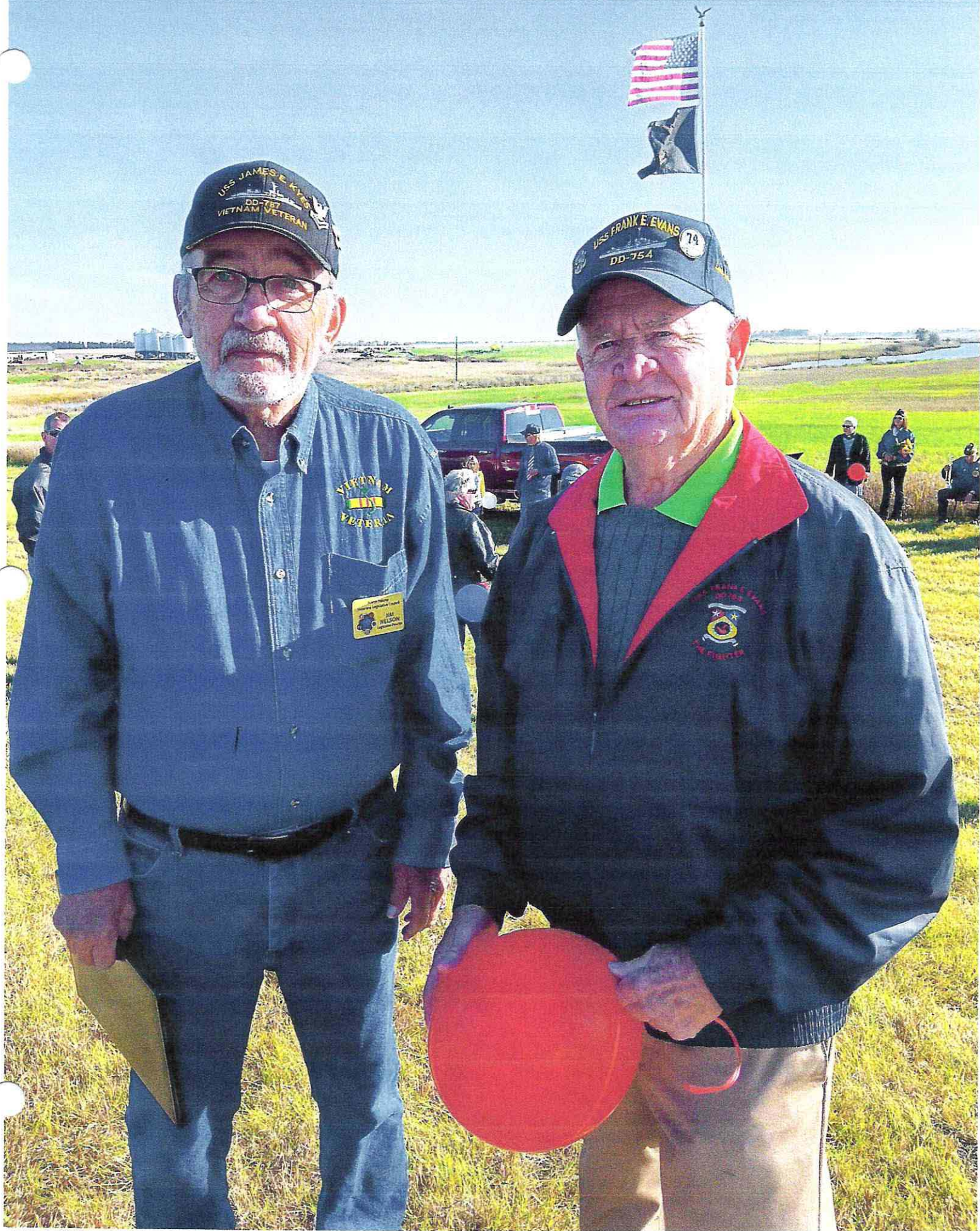
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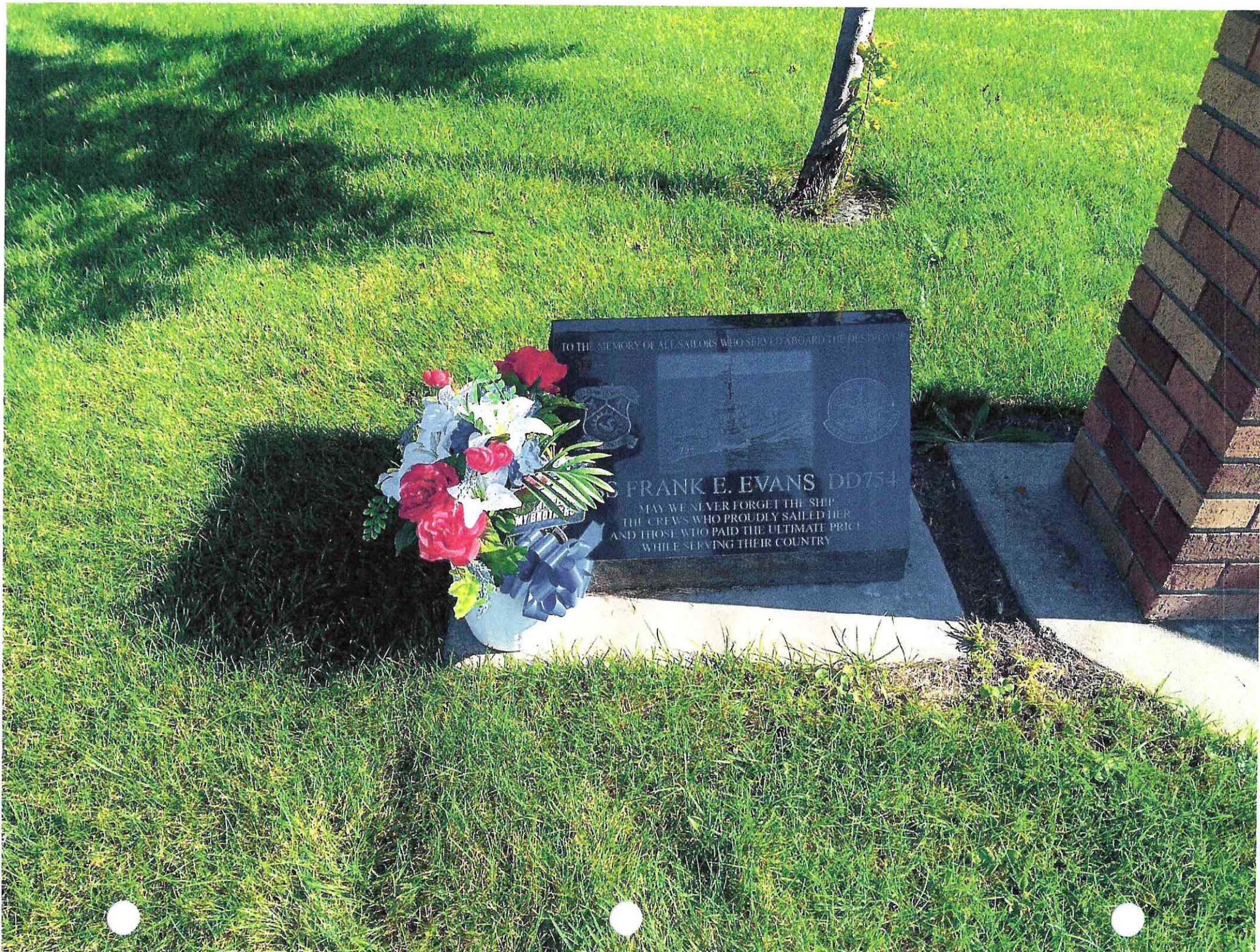
Amvets Department of ND Dakota, VFW of West Fargo, North Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America, Bottineau Veterans, Amvets Post 9 Bismarck and the American legion Posts in Grafton and Park River. Their generosity has funded this year's bridge signs

The bridges and their new designations are:

- The Highway 18 bridge over the Tongue River in Cavalier has been designated as Veterans Memorial Bridge. (HB 1117)
 - The Highway 1806 bridge over the Cannonball River just outside the city of Cannonball has been designated as the PVT. Albert Grass WWI Bridge. Born in Fort Yates, Grass was 22 years old when he was killed in action on July 18, 1918, in France while serving in the Army's 18th Infantry. (HB 1351)
 - The Highway 30 bridge over the James River east of Fessenden has been designated as the Petty Officer Third Class Patrick G. Glennon Vietnam Bridge. Glennon, 23, was among 74 American sailors who drowned during a training exercise in June 1969 in the South China Sea when their destroyer was struck by an aircraft carrier. Because they were outside the combat zone, their names are not included on the Vietnam Veteran Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., though efforts have been made to add them to the wall. (HB 1352)
 - The overpass at the intersection of Highway 281 and Interstate 94 in Jamestown has been designated as the Hidden Wounds Veterans Overpass. The name is intended to raise awareness of the mental health struggles that many veterans endure but may not outwardly display. (HB 1354)
 - The Highway 6 bridge over the Cannonball River just outside of Breien will be known as the PFC Ronald C. Goodiron Vietnam Bridge. Goodiron, a U.S. Marine from Shields, was killed in south Vietnam on Feb. 28, 1968, at age 20. (HB 1355)
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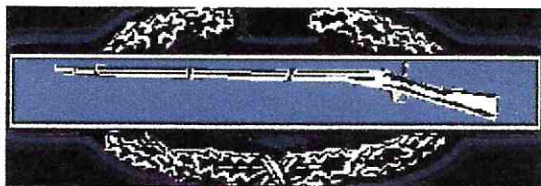
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