

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1216

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2013

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BARBER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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

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) Dr. Cameron K. McKinley was born on De-  
6       cember 9, 1930, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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

4           (3) Dr. McKinley served valiantly at Wiesbaden  
5           Air Force Hospital during and after the Vietnam  
6           War, providing therapy to military personnel and  
7           their 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 confronting the  
2           pressing issue of PTSD by providing cutting-edge  
3           psychological and neuropsychological assessments to  
4           the returning veterans of three wars. He produced  
5           targeted action plans for veterans suffering from  
6           PTSD, giving them tools to deal with their afflic-  
7           tions and transition successfully back into civilian  
8           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 Department of the  
13          Army for his outstanding work to improve the lives  
14          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 VETERANS CENTER.**

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

1 McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Cen-  
2 ter”.

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

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