

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1216

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2014

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Dr. Cameron K. McKinley was born on De-
4 cember 9, 1930, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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

8 (3) Dr. McKinley served valiantly at Wiesbaden
9 Air Force Hospital during and after the Vietnam
10 War, providing therapy to military personnel and
11 their families.

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

15 (5) At the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital,
16 Dr. McKinley organized a “Rap Group” for Vietnam
17 Era veterans dealing with various degrees of post-
18 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). That group of
19 veterans formed the Vietnam Veterans of America,
20 Chapter 95.

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

1 (7) Congress authorized 91 new rural VAMCs,
2 among them the Prescott Vet Center. In June of
3 1985, the Prescott Vet Center opened.

4 (8) Dr. McKinley spent decades confronting the
5 pressing issue of PTSD by providing cutting-edge
6 psychological and neuropsychological assessments to
7 the returning veterans of three wars. He produced
8 targeted action plans for veterans suffering from
9 PTSD, giving them tools to deal with their afflic-
10 tions and transition successfully back into civilian
11 life.

12 (9) Dr. McKinley's cutting-edge work has
13 earned him recognition from Prescott VAMC, Viet-
14 nam Veterans of America, the Veterans' Readjust-
15 ment Counseling Center, and the Department of the
16 Army for his outstanding work to improve the lives
17 of veterans of multiple generations.

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

22 **SEC. 2. DR. CAMERON MCKINLEY DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
23 **ERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS CENTER.**

24 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-
25 fairs Vet Center located at 3180 Stillwater Dr. #A, Pres-

1 cott, Arizona, shall after the date of the enactment of this
2 Act be known and designated as the “Dr. Cameron
3 McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Cen-
4 ter”.

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

Passed the House of Representatives June 17, 2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.