

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3492

To designate the Traverse City VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2016

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill;
which was considered, read the third time, and passed

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. DESIGNATION OF COLONEL DEMAS T. CRAW VA**

4 **CLINIC IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Demas T. Craw was born on April 9, 1900,
7 in Long Lake Township, Michigan.

1 (2) While residing in Traverse City, Michigan,
2 Demas T. Craw enlisted in the United States Army
3 at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on April 18, 1918, and
4 trained with the 12th Cavalry at Camp Stanley,
5 Texas.

6 (3) Colonel Craw achieved the position of senior
7 pilot and was awarded—

8 (A) the Medal of Honor for action in
9 North Africa;

10 (B) the World War I Victory Medal;

11 (C) the World War II Victory Medal;

12 (D) the European-African-Middle Eastern
13 Campaign Medal;

14 (E) the Mexican Service Medal;

15 (F) the American Defense Service Medal;

16 (G) the Purple Heart;

17 (H) the Royal Order of George I; and

18 (I) the Observer Badge.

19 (4) Colonel Craw's citation for the Medal of
20 Honor said, "For conspicuous gallantry and intre-
21 pidity in action above and beyond the call of duty.
22 On November 8, 1942, near Port Lyautey, French
23 Morocco, Col. Craw volunteered to accompany the
24 leading wave of assault boats to the shore and pass
25 through the enemy lines to locate the French com-

1 mander with a view to suspending hostilities. This
2 request was first refused as being too dangerous but
3 upon the officer's insistence that he was qualified to
4 undertake and accomplish the mission he was al-
5 lowed to go. Encountering heavy fire while in the
6 landing boat and unable to dock in the river because
7 of shell fire from shore batteries, Col. Craw, accom-
8 panied by 1 officer and 1 soldier, succeeded in land-
9 ing on the beach at Mehdia Plage under constant
10 low-level strafing from 3 enemy planes. Riding in a
11 bantam truck toward French headquarters, progress
12 of the party was hindered by fire from our own
13 naval guns. Nearing Port Lyautey, Col. Craw was
14 instantly killed by a sustained burst of machinegun
15 fire at pointblank range from a concealed position
16 near the road.”.

17 (5) Colonel Craw was killed in action on No-
18 vember 8, 1942, while attempting to deliver a mes-
19 sage to broker a cease fire with France.

20 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Traverse City VA Commu-
21 nity-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Vet-
22 erans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, shall after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated
24 as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

1 (c) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
2 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
3 States to the community-based outpatient clinic referred
4 to in subsection (b) shall be considered to be a reference
5 to the Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic.

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