

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3492

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2016

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## AN ACT

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

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. DESIGNATION OF COLONEL DEMAS T. CRAW VA**  
2 **CLINIC IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.**

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

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

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

11 (3) Colonel Craw achieved the position of senior  
12 pilot and was awarded—

13 (A) the Medal of Honor for action in  
14 North Africa;

15 (B) the World War I Victory Medal;

16 (C) the World War II Victory Medal;

17 (D) the European-African-Middle Eastern  
18 Campaign Medal;

19 (E) the Mexican Service Medal;

20 (F) the American Defense Service Medal;

21 (G) the Purple Heart;

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

23 (I) the Observer Badge.

24 (4) Colonel Craw’s citation for the Medal of  
25 Honor said, “For conspicuous gallantry and intre-  
26 pidity in action above and beyond the call of duty.

1       On November 8, 1942, near Port Lyautey, French  
2       Morocco, Col. Craw volunteered to accompany the  
3       leading wave of assault boats to the shore and pass  
4       through the enemy lines to locate the French com-  
5       mander with a view to suspending hostilities. This  
6       request was first refused as being too dangerous but  
7       upon the officer's insistence that he was qualified to  
8       undertake and accomplish the mission he was al-  
9       lowed to go. Encountering heavy fire while in the  
10      landing boat and unable to dock in the river because  
11      of shell fire from shore batteries, Col. Craw, accom-  
12      panied by 1 officer and 1 soldier, succeeded in land-  
13      ing on the beach at Mehdia Plage under constant  
14      low-level strafing from 3 enemy planes. Riding in a  
15      bantam truck toward French headquarters, progress  
16      of the party was hindered by fire from our own  
17      naval guns. Nearing Port Lyautey, Col. Craw was  
18      instantly killed by a sustained burst of machinegun  
19      fire at pointblank range from a concealed position  
20      near the road."

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

24      (b) DESIGNATION.—The Traverse City VA Commu-  
25      nity-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Vet-

1 erans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, shall after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated  
3 as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

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

Passed the Senate December 1, 2016.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,  
*Secretary.*