

December 6, 2021

Armed Services & Veterans Affairs Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
#12
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Chairman,

It is my pleasure to write you today from the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, in support of H.C.R. No. 32, to recommend that the Air Force Research Lab at Wright Patterson Air Force Base containing the anechoic chamber be designated the Colonel William J. Cavanaugh Battlefield Acoustics Lab.

We are honored to recognize Col. Cavanaugh's service in our Memorial Grove through a memorial bench donated in memory of he and wife Ginny Cavanaugh by their family. Just as our exhibits tell the story of the impact each Veteran has through their own service, the Cavanaugh Memorial Bench serves as a reminder that this incredible family too, has helped shape our military through Col. Cavanaugh's commitment to his profession and his nation.

In a May 2020 article that Col. Cavanaugh's son John wrote for our *Inspiring Stories of Service* series, he detailed the ways Col. Cavanaugh and Ginny served, not only in the military, but also after returning home to their community. As advocates for the proper recognition of those who served in Vietnam, among others, they were the true definition of "service after service."

In recognition of a devoted career, and a lifetime of service to the military and Veterans in their community, I believe this is a meaningful way to honor Col. Cavanaugh's legacy with the designation of the Colonel William J. Cavanaugh Battlefield Acoustics Lab.

Sincerely,



Nick Wood
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