

September 12, 2019

U.S. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
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RE: Senate bill S1891 "Flying Tiger Flight 739 Act" (Peters-MI)

Attn: Lisa Murkowski; John Barrasso; James Risch; Mike Lee; Steve Daines; Bill Cassidy; Cory Gardner; Cindy Hyde-Smith; Martha McSally; Lamar Alexander; John Hoeven; Joe Manchin III; Ron Wyden; Maria Cantwell; Bernard Sanders; **Debbie Stabenow**; Martin Heinrich; Mazie Hirono; Angus King, Jr.; and Catherine Cortez Masto

Dear Senators:

This letter is to ask for your support and/or co-sponsorship of Senate Bill S1891 introduced by **Senator Gary Peters (MI)** "Flying Tiger Flight 739 Act" which was introduced June 18, 2019, read twice, and forwarded to your committee.

**A Bill to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall of the names of the soldiers who died on Flying Tiger Flight 739 on March 16, 1962.**

Among the 93 U.S Army Rangers aboard this flight were soldiers from states that you represent as Senators:

Utah: Sgt John J Jones, Ogden

Colorado: SP4 Charles W Pardonnet, Colorado Springs; MSgt Henry Francis Biernacki, Colorado Springs

Arizona: Sgt Clinton M Hoy, Sierra Vista; Sgt Billy W Mick, Sierra Vista; SFC Raymond E Myers, Warren

West Virginia: Pvt Homer Adams, Ukon; Pvt John Charles Jennings, Newell

New Mexico: SP5 Roy Edward Greenleaf, Bloomfield

**Michigan:** Pvt Stanley W McEntee, Detroit; SP4 James Henry Taylor, Olive Branch; **and my father SFC Melvin Lewis Hatt, Lansing**

Hawaii: SP5 James Wong, Lahaina; SP5 Guy Wicks Kinnison, Kaneohe

Maine: Sgt Frank E Pelkey, Farmington; SP4 Leonard J Wedge, Millnocket

Washington: Msgt Howard Gallipeau Jr, Alerwood Manor; SP5 Timothy F Hopkins, Spokane; Sgt James C Sorenson, Spanaway; SFC Albert Francis Williams Jr, Tacoma; Sgt Walter Glynn, Tacoma; WO Edison L Roberts, Tacoma; SFC Wallace L Walcott, Tacoma

It is my heartfelt request, my plea, that you will support Senate Bill S1891 to become law and recognize and honor these soldiers by placing their names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. **at your next Committee meeting that, appears to be Thursday, September 19, 2019.**

Our mission has begun to gather national attention. On August 13, 2019, I was interviewed by NBC affiliate WILX TV news in Lansing, Michigan. It was broadcast August 16, and has now been broadcast to NBC, ABC, CBS affiliates in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

On August 16, 2019, I was interviewed by national radio personality “Joe Pags” via Skype. A 14 minute interview aired in it’s entirety to over 4 million listeners and viewers.

As a result of meetings with aides of Senators seated on the Committee for Armed Services last March (2019), our story is on the cover print edition August 12 of Stars and Stripes. It was the cover of the on-line edition, and has since been in editions in Guam, Japan, Pulao and the Mideastern US.

To be clear, we have no intention of giving up this fight, not until every last name is on the Wall. The families of these soldiers have tried everything humanly possible to accomplish this mission, only to be met with excuses, denials, secrets and threats.

I would appreciate your support of S1891.

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Attachments: Flying Tiger Line 739/14 passenger list  
S1891 Senate Bill  
Stars and Stripes article  
List of recent media coverage