

Internet Petition Sample

Vietnam Stolen Valor?

Is the Army Human Resources Command Discriminating Against Vietnam Veterans?

Sign a petition to request an investigation of the Army Human Resources Command concerning "**potential**" veteran discrimination.

Urge the Secretary of the Army to order an investigation of the Army Human Resources Command (HRC), Fort Knox, Kentucky, to determine whether it discriminates against veterans of the Vietnam War by failing to adhere to relevant laws and regulations that apply to those veterans regarding awards and decorations.

When Congress, as part of the Fiscal Year 1996 National Defense Authorization Act, waived the time limitations on any award or decoration for acts of valor during the Vietnam War, it clearly intended for that waiver to cover all time-sensitive restrictions. The Army Human Resources Command's unilateral requirement that the original award nominator and a member of the nominee's wartime chain of command from 50-60 years ago be alive and provide comments on an upgrade request before it is accepted into military channels undermines the intent of Congress and deprives Vietnam veterans of due process.

The Department of Defense clearly recognized that staff officers might try to manipulate affairs to bypass the intent of Congress when it issued implementation instructions to the services regarding the new law. They also established a system to ensure compliance. (See Part 3, Number 14 on the website below.)

The Michigan DAV worked for decades to have Sp/4 Ken David's DSC upgraded to the CMH, but they were unable to identify the members of his wartime chain of command. Then, almost by accident, during a 2016 visit to the National Archives, someone discovered another award nomination that included the names of Ken's wartime chain of command. After locating a surviving 97-year-old general in the last days of his life in a Texas nursing home and obtaining his signature, Ken finally received the recognition he deserved. On January 3, 2025, President Biden presented him with the CMH. While Ken David's receipt of the CMH was a victory, it highlights the absurdity of requiring the signature of someone who probably doesn't remember the action and may not even know what he is signing to validate decades of work by Ken's friends and the DAV.

To support this petition, a website has been created (linked below) to highlight another case of discrimination by the Army Human Resources Command and underscore the need for an investigation.

To view the petition justification, visit:

www.vietnamstolenvvalor.com

This website may be viewed on a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or phone. For best experience, we recommend using a desktop.



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