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Honorable John R. Moolenaar Michigan's Second District 246 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Moolenaar:

As State of Michigan Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), I am writing to you on behalf of the over 60,000 members of the VFW of Michigan and its Auxiliary to endorse the proposal to name the Cadillac, MI VA CBOC, a satellite medical treatment facility of the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, Saginaw, after Korean War Marine veteran, Duane Dewey, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Duane's service in Korea and his miraculous survival and recovery following his heroic actions in combat which saved the lives of several of his fellow marines is an example of the character of the man we seek to be honored.

A native of Grand Rapids, MI, Duane Dewey spent much of his youth and his working years following the Korean War in western Michigan before retiring to Irons, MI. There in retirement he enjoyed the Michigan lifestyle for which northwest Michigan is famous. It is fitting that the VA CBOC in Cadillac which serves the rural veterans of the region he loved and made his home would be named in his honor.

Duane was active in many organizations which served his fellow veterans both in Michigan and around the country. We are very proud that he was a VFW Life Member and Past Post Commander of VFW Post 667, South Haven, MI. We believe that Duane would be especially pleased that his name would be perpetually associated with a VA medical facility that had the mission of serving his fellow veterans of Michigan just as he did during his lifetime of service.

As VFW State Commander, and on behalf of the members I represent, I urge your support of proposed legislation which would bestow this honor in the name of our former comrade in arms, Duane Dewey.

Sincerely,

Department of Michigan

Veterans of Foreign Wars