

Support for HB-6285 Renaming Military Training Facility as Camp Nett

The veterans of Connecticut need to support legislation to rename the State Military Training Facility in Niantic as Camp Nett in honor Col. Robert B. Nett, a Medal of Honor recipient and past member of the Connecticut National Guard.

Robert Nett was born on June 13, 1922 in New Haven, Connecticut. While still in High School, Robert enlisted in Company C, 102nd Infantry, Connecticut National Guard in 1940. Clearly Robert was an outstanding student. Before finishing High School he petitioned to leave and go on active duty in the Army. Permission was granted by the board of education to leave school since he had sufficient credits to graduate with his class.

In 1940 a seventeen-year-old Robert B. Nett entered the U.S. Army. He was assigned to Camp Blanding, Florida for training. In the spring of 1942 Net was part of the 102nd Infantry, which became the first American unit to be sent to the South Pacific following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

It was not long before Sergeant Nett was recommended for Officer Candidate School. He graduated OCS in 1942 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Col. Nett career includes campaigns in Guam, New Hebrides and Leyte. It was on Leyte that he distinguished himself when he led his unit to overtake a fortified Japanese position and secure it.

Col. Robert B. Nett was awarded the Medal of Honor for leading a major assault at Leyte in 1944 during World War II. In that battle Nett sustained multiple wounds and underwent several operations in field hospital before being sent to Hawaii for convalescence.

Col. Nett career continued through three wars, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He retired in 1987 and his decorations include the Medal of Honor, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Serve Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Ranger Tab, Airborne Gliderman Badge, Air Assault Badge and Grand Cross of Malta.

Col. Robert B. Nett a native of Connecticut who was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame and is a distinguished Military leader has brought honor to himself, the State of Connecticut and the U.S. Army through his courage and sacrifice.

It is my honor and privilege to support HB-6285 to name the state military training facility in Niantic as Camp Nett.

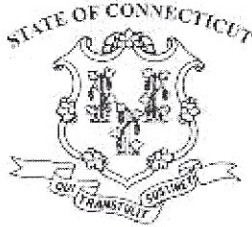
Respectful Submitted,

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
REP. HENNESSY, 127th Dist.

**AN ACT RENAMING THE STATE MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY IN
NIANTIC AS CAMP NETT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That sections 27-19c and 27-39a of the general statutes be amended
- 2 to provide that the state military training facility in Niantic shall be
- 3 named Camp Nett.

Statement of Purpose:

To honor Robert Nett, a Medal of Honor recipient and past member of
the Connecticut National Guard.