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In regards to agenda item 24-1662:

My name is Chris Vinton. I served in the US Navy from 2012-2016 in Fallon, NV calibrating electronics for Top Gun, where I won multiple awards for outstanding performance and professionalism during my time there. As an active member of the community, I serve on Gold Oak's school board. I was appointed just last month having won my election in November. The election process allowed me to engage with the community and speak with many of the vets in the area. With that in mind, I would encourage the board to please listen to our community of vets by following the long established regulations for who, where, and how names are honored on the monument.

I understand that these things may seem trivial, but regulations and following them are a core part of serving on active duty. Every member of the US Military is subject to the same standards and guidelines under the UCMJ, the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Uniform being the key word there as everyone from the newest E1 recruit to our saltiest admirals are subject to those same standards. This is a core principle for many veterans and bending rules to make exceptions, even with good intent, is antithetical to what the military represents to many who served. A medal is earned, never given, and there is no chance that exceptions or special consideration would be given on an active duty base.

This also makes sense from a pragmatic point of view by ensuring other exceptions will not need to be made down the road as the board can use this to set a precedent for any future additions. I'm sure the board doesn't want to debate the merits of the details for who goes where for each and every name that goes up.

Thank you for your time,
Chris Vinton

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