

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 22, 2017

Department of the Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations  
2000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington D.C. 20350-2000

Dear Admiral Richardson:

We are writing to express our support for naming a building at the Crane Naval Facility in Indiana after Marine Lance Corporal Alec Terwiske of Dubois, Indiana. He served our nation with bravery and distinction, and he made the ultimate sacrifice for our security. We think naming a building at Crane in his honor would be an important way to honor Alec.

Lance Corporal Terwiske was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. His parent command was Inspector/Instructor Staff, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lance Corporal Terwiske made the ultimate sacrifice on September 3, 2012, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, conducting combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lance Corporal Terwiske earned several decorations for his military service. They include a Combat Action Ribbon, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal ISAF, as well as the Rifle Sharpshooter and Pistol Marksman Badges. He was also awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for his service and ultimate sacrifice. As these awards demonstrate, Lance Corporal Terwiske exemplified the best traditions of bravery and dedication in defense of our nation.

Perhaps the greatest testimony as to why Alec is so deserving of this honor is that more than 20 of his fellow Marines, from his chain of command to his peers, wrote in support of Alec receiving this honor. They all spoke of him as a trusted friend, honorable man, and outstanding Marine. We wish to add our voices to theirs.

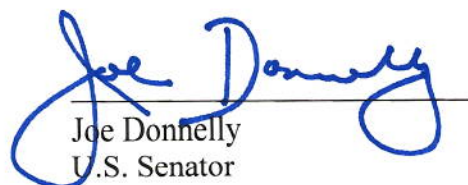
We ask that the Navy give this request to name a building at Crane in honor of Lance Corporal Terwiske full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Thank you for giving this matter your personal attention.

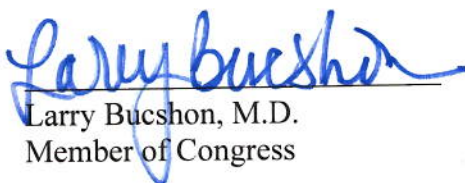
Sincerely,



Todd Young  
U.S. Senator



Joe Donnelly  
U.S. Senator



Larry Bucshon, M.D.  
Member of Congress



Trey Hollingsworth  
Member of Congress