



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Dean Heller
United States Senate
324 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

On behalf of the Association of the United States Navy, we would like to pledge our support for S. 120, the Bring our Heroes Home Act. This bill requires the National Archives and Records Administration to establish the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection and establishes the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Review Board, which shall require all missing Armed Forces personnel records to be transmitted to NARA and disclosed to the public in the collection.

Each government office will identify, review, and organize each record in its possession for transmission to NARA, and identify and review for public disclosure each record previously transferred to NARA that remains classified.

Each presidential archival depository will have as a priority the expedited review for public disclosure of such records in its possession, and make the records available to the board.

NARA will make each record identified as classified available for review by the originating body, and prepare and make available to all government offices a standard form for collecting information relating to such records.

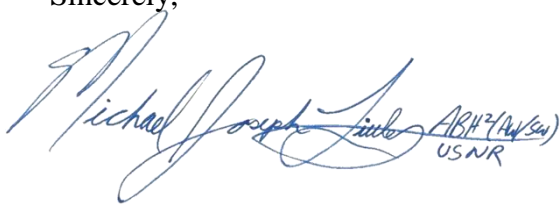
All such records will be publicly disclosed in full and made available in the collection within five years after enactment of this bill unless the President certifies that postponement is necessary because of an identifiable harm to the military defense, intelligence operations, or conduct of foreign relations, and the harm outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The board will render a decision on a determination of a government office to postpone the disclosure of the record, determine, within two years after enactment of the bill, whether all government offices have complied with it, terminate after four years, and transfer all of its records to NARA for inclusion in the collection.

The board may request the Attorney General to petition any U.S. or foreign court release information relevant to the loss, fate, or status of missing Armed Forces personnel that is held under seal of such court.

Thank you for taking an active role in such an important issue to the Military and Veteran community by working to improve the lives and careers of those who served our great nation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 703-548-5800 or at michael.little@ausn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Joseph Little". To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten note in blue ink that says "ABH (AW/Sea) USNR".

Michael J. Little
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