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Mr. English:

I was both surprised and disappointed at MOAA's March 2019 rave review of the proposed National Native American Veterans Memorial (NNAVM). You at the magazine should have remembered that in September of last year MOAA put out a story (by the same author, ironically enough) that told how the NNAVM's design omitted any recognition of either the US Public Health Service Native American veterans or NOAA Native American veterans. That same month MOAA was one of twenty-six members of The Military Coalition that signed a letter to Congressional leadership asking them to "direct the Smithsonian" to include the PHS and NOAA logos in the design. This fight is not over, and we believe that no Native American veteran should be ignored when the monument is constructed.

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