



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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Colonel James T. Currie, USA (Retired)
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U.S. Public Health Service
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Dear Colonel Currie:

Thank you for your April 3, 2019, letter regarding the Smithsonian's plan not to include logos of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) on the proposed National Native American Veterans Memorial that will be built on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.

I will review the information received, including the letter that The Military Coalition sent to Capitol Hill, in an effort to determine the best course of action to assist in this matter.

I am aware of and have a deep appreciation for USPHS's hard work on the Veterans Day National Committee (Committee). Your valuable support and teamwork have contributed to successful Veterans Day ceremonies for many years. I know USPHS will continue its dedication to ensuring the Committee maintains its standard of excellence.

Thank you for your continued support of our Nation's Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert L. Wilkie", is positioned above the typed name.

Robert L. Wilkie