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The Honorable Frank Guinta  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Guinta:

The National Military Veterans Alliance, representing 36 military and veterans associations with a combined membership of more than 3.5 million members, writes to express our support for H.R. 4168, the Caring for the Fallen Act, a bill to assign operation and maintenance of the Clark Air Force Veterans Cemetery in the Philippines to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Caring for the Fallen Act recognizes the moral responsibility of our nation to honor those who have courageously served our country in uniform. Your introduction of H.R. 4168 demonstrates the nation's highest regard for dignified care of this sacred ground, the final resting place of more than 8,600 American service members, veterans and their families.

As you know, the U.S. government maintained the Clark Veterans Cemetery from 1900 to 1991 until a volcanic eruption caused the closure of Clark Air Force Base and the abandonment of the cemetery. Since that event, volunteers have tried to maintain standards at the cemetery without government assistance.

The National Military Veterans Alliance applauds your attention to care for the dignity these American veterans deserve in their final resting place of honor. We urge your colleagues to approve the bill, and we stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Jones".

RICHARD A. JONES  
Co-Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Nyalko".

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American Logistics Association

American Military Retirees Association

American Military Society

American Retirees Association

American WWII Orphans Network

AMVETS (American Veterans)

Armed Forces Marketing Council

Armed Forces Top Enlisted Association

Army Navy Union

Association of the United States Navy

Catholic War Veterans

Gold Star Wives of America

Hispanic War Veterans Association

Japanese American Veterans Association

Korean War Veterans Foundation

Legion of Valor

Military Families United

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of Foreign Wars

Military Order of the World Wars

National Association for Uniformed Services

National Gulf War Resource Center

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association

Reserve Enlisted Association

Reserve Officers Association

Senior Citizens League

Society of Military Widows

The Flag and General Officers Network

The Retired Enlisted Association

Tragedy Assistant Program for Survivors

Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees

Veterans of Modern Warfare

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

VetsFirst, a program of United Spinal Association

Vietnam Veterans of America

Women in Search of Equity