

AB-2838

Veterans: Memorials



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Executive Summary

Assembly Bill No. 2838 (AB 2838), introduced by Assembly Member Davies during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, proposes enhancing the recognition of veterans by mandating the addition of the United States Space Force flag to the Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park. This legislative action seeks to honor the contributions of Space Force veterans and ensure their representation within the existing memorial framework.

AB 2838 directs the Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Veterans Board to prioritize using Capitol Park Veterans Memorial Fund moneys for this purpose. This fund, continuously appropriated, supports the maintenance and rehabilitation of veteran memorials within the State Capitol. By expanding its scope to include the Space Force flag, AB 2838 ensures comprehensive representation of all U.S. Armed Forces branches, honoring their sacrifices.

The inclusion of the Space Force flag at the Veterans Memorial aligns with California's commitment to honoring all service members. Established as a distinct branch in December 2019, the Space Force is vital to national defense. Recognizing their service alongside other military branches underscores their integral role in the nation's security.

AB 2838 highlights the importance of inclusivity in state memorials, ensuring the Veterans Memorial remains current and respectful of all service members. This initiative also educates the public about the contributions of the newest branch, promoting awareness and appreciation for their role in national defense.

Moreover, the bill reinforces the state's dedication to maintaining a dignified tribute to its veterans. By allocating resources to include the Space Force flag, AB 2838 ensures the memorial continues to honor all military personnel, providing a place of reflection for future generations.

In addition to enhancing the memorial, the bill recognizes the evolving nature of military service and the importance of space in national security. Acknowledging the Space Force sends a powerful message about the significance of space operations and the dedication of those who serve in this capacity.

In summary, AB 2838 is a significant legislative effort aimed at acknowledging and honoring the contributions of Space Force veterans. By mandating the inclusion of the Space Force flag at the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial, the bill ensures that all branches of the Armed Forces are duly recognized, thereby enhancing the memorial's inclusivity and relevance. This bill supports ongoing efforts to maintain a comprehensive and dignified tribute to the nation's veterans, aligning with California's commitment to honor the service and sacrifices of all military members.



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Our Position

Assembly Bill No. 2838 (AB 2838), introduced by Assembly Member Davies, is a crucial legislative effort aimed at enhancing the recognition of all branches of the United States Armed Forces by adding the flag of the United States Space Force to the Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park. This bill seeks to honor the contributions of Space Force veterans and ensure their representation alongside other military branches, reflecting the evolution and comprehensive nature of our Armed Forces.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the California Veterans Board will be required to prioritize using moneys from the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial Fund to achieve this addition. The Capitol Park Veterans Memorial Fund, a continuously appropriated resource, is designated for the maintenance and rehabilitation of veteran memorials within the State Capitol. By expanding its usage to include the addition of the Space Force flag, AB 2838 ensures that the memorial remains current and inclusive, honoring the service of all military branches.

Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports AB 2838 because it aligns with our mission to advocate for the dignity, recognition, and respect of all individuals who have served in the Armed Forces. The inclusion of the Space Force flag at the Veterans Memorial acknowledges the critical role of the Space Force, established as a distinct branch in December 2019, in national defense. This addition ensures that the contributions and sacrifices of Space Force members are recognized alongside those of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

The bill also highlights the importance of inclusivity and representation within state memorials. By incorporating the Space Force flag, AB 2838 reflects a commitment to honoring the diversity and evolution of the United States Armed Forces. This initiative promotes a sense of unity and respect among veterans and the public, fostering greater appreciation for the unique roles and contributions of all military branches.

Moreover, AB 2838 supports the ongoing efforts to maintain a comprehensive and dignified tribute to the nation's veterans. The Capitol Park Veterans Memorial serves as a place of reflection and gratitude for future generations, and the inclusion of the Space Force flag enhances its relevance and inclusivity. This bill ensures that the memorial remains a testament to the bravery, commitment, and sacrifices of all military personnel.

In summary, AB 2838 is a significant measure that honors Space Force veterans by mandating the inclusion of their flag at the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial. This bill enhances the memorial's inclusivity and relevance, aligning with California's commitment to honoring all military members' service and sacrifices. By supporting AB 2838, we advocate for a comprehensive and respectful tribute to all branches of the United States Armed Forces, ensuring their contributions are recognized and celebrated.



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Letter of Support for AB-2838

June 1, 2024

The Honorable Pilar Schiavo, Chair
Assembly Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs
1021 O Street, Suite 4120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB-2838

Dear Assembly Member Schiavo and Members of the Assembly Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 2838, which mandates the inclusion of the United States Space Force flag at the Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park. This bill is crucial for recognizing the service of all United States Armed Forces branches, including the recently established Space Force.

While this bill directly addresses the recognition of the Space Force, it holds broader significance for senior veterans who have served our nation across various military branches. Many of these senior veterans have dedicated their lives to protecting our country and have seen the evolution of our armed forces over the decades. Ensuring that all branches are represented at the Veterans Memorial is vital in honoring their service and contributions.

AB 2838 ensures that the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial accurately reflects our nation's military history, acknowledging the service of the Space Force alongside the other branches. This inclusive recognition is essential for maintaining the morale and pride of all service members and veterans, particularly our senior veterans who have paved the way for future generations.

We urge you to support AB 2838 to ensure our state's veterans are honored appropriately and inclusively at the Capitol Park Veterans Memorial. Recognizing the full spectrum of military service is a significant step in paying tribute to the dedication and sacrifices of our senior veterans.

Sincerely,
Aakrisht Mehra
Founder/CEO
Elderly Care Everywhere



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About Elderly Care Everywhere

Elderly Care Everywhere is a transformative nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of senior citizens. Since its inception, the organization has positively impacted over 40,000 seniors through a variety of programs aimed at enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly Care Everywhere has been instrumental in alleviating hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt, ensuring that seniors have access to the healthcare they need without the burden of financial stress. With more than 20 chapters across the United States, the organization extends its reach and resources to numerous communities, providing support and advocacy on a national scale.

Beyond U.S. borders, Elderly Care Everywhere has established flood relief camps in India, showcasing its commitment to global humanitarian efforts. The organization's impactful work has been recognized by the government of New Delhi, further highlighting its significant contributions to senior care and welfare. Through these efforts, Elderly Care Everywhere continues to lead the way in senior advocacy, ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity and respect worldwide.

Thank you for your support of AB-2838. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at connect@elderlycareeverywhere.org