

Let me thank you, the committee and Bill Pannbacker, for the opportunity to speak to this legislative body for the purpose of requesting the naming of the five mile portion of US Highway 77 that runs from the western edge of the city of Blue Rapids to the eastern edge of the city of Waterville. We are requesting the Highway be dedicated as "Corporal Allen Oatney and SP4 Gene Meyers Memorial Highway." My name is Roger Edwards and it is an honor and privilege to represent the American Legion Post 169 and Post 332.

I know firsthand of this time in our American history. I served with the USMC in Vietnam along with approximately 3 million other Americans that answered their country's "call to duty." In retrospect, it was a strange war with strange strategy. I feel deeply that it ' is up to us today to honor these two men out of the 54 thousand plus that "gave their all." They will live forever in the hearts of their loved ones and it is only fitting that our communities remember them as young men that" gave their all." •

Thank you,

Roger Edwards

Commander, American Legion Post 169