

## MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

US VETERANS HALL OF FAME Charlotte, NC 28215

Dear Bill and Curtis,

I want to tell the both of you how much I appreciate having a conversation with you about potentially locating the US Veterans Hall of Fame in Mecklenburg County. I agree that if there is to be a US Veterans Hall of Fame, then Mecklenburg County would be the ideal location to build such a facility. Given the number of military installations located in the state of NC, the number of veterans located throughout the state and the support Mecklenburg County provides to its veterans, locating the Hall of Fame in NC and in Mecklenburg County in particular, just makes good sense.

Mecklenburg County is Home to more than 56,000 veterans, not to include their spouses and dependent children. Our Veteran Service office has a staff of nine; the largest Veteran Services Office of the 96 offices located in the state of North Carolina, and has been in operation since June of 1946. There are approximately 6,570 WWII veterans still living in Mecklenburg County today, which makes this an idea place to establish the US Veterans Hall of Fame. The fact that so many veterans continue to live in Mecklenburg County is a testament to the quality of services that we provide to our veterans.

The mission of the US Veterans Hall of Fame will pay tribute to the men and women of prior Military service who exemplify great character and servitude, as well as educate the public on the historial service and sacrifice of the nations veterans. Mecklenburg County would love to be in partnership with the US Veterans Hall of Fame to ensure that your mission is carried out.

I am happy to add my support to the growing list of supporters who want to establish the US Veterans Hall of Fame in Mecklenburg County. I would also encourage our Corporate Community to get behind this effort to help this dream a reality. As a US Marine Corps veteran, I join other veterans who call Mecklenburg County home in support bringing the US Veterans Hall of Fame to Mecklenburg County.



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