

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Lori Brocker, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Philip Chester Bellefeuille for his service in World War II.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Corporal Bellefeuille's valor in battle
- Casualties of Iwo Jima
- Losses of 4th Marine Division, Corporal Bellefeuille's division, at Iwo Jima
- Bend Band of Brothers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Corporal Philip Chester Bellefeuille was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on July 14, 1923. He was a member of the Fighting Fourth Marine Division in World War II. Corporal Bellefeuille participated in the invasions of five islands in the Pacific, including Saipan, where he took shrapnel in his leg that he carried to the end of his life. He received the Purple Heart for his service in Saipan. Bellefeuille's division was decimated by casualties fighting in Iwo Jima.

After he left the service, Corporal Bellefeuille and his wife eventually settled in Central Oregon. He was an active participant in numerous veterans' groups and helped found the Bend Band of Brothers, with whom he had a long and deep connection. Corporal Bellefeuille, a widower, died on March 6, 2011.

House Concurrent Resolution 15 honors Philip Chester Bellefeuille for his service.