



A commission renaming bases honoring Confederates recommends that Georgia's Fort Benning take the name of Vietnam War commander Hal Moore.

NEW BASE NAMES HONOR VIETNAM SERVICE MEMBERS

Five men who served in the Vietnam War are in line to have U.S. Army bases named in their honor, according to a list released May 24 by a commission Congress established in 2021 to rename bases that commemorate Confederate officers.

The Naming Commission received more than 34,000 submissions for new names at nine forts. The commission must present its recommendations to Congress before Oct. 1, 2022. Here are the five recommendations for forts to be renamed for Vietnam veterans:

Fort Benning, Georgia—Fort Moore

The new name honors Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia. Moore, who also fought in Korea, became famous for his leadership of 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in the 1965 Battle of Ia Drang, the first large battle between the U.S. and North Vietnamese armies. His book, written with journalist Joe Galloway, *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*, was a bestseller. Julia Moore persuaded the Pentagon to deliver casualty notices in a more compassionate manner. The couple were active in military family support programs.

Fort Hood, Texas—Fort Cavazos

The fort's new namesake, Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, served in Korea and Vietnam. In Korea he commanded a company of Puerto Rican soldiers and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second-highest valor award. In Vietnam, he led the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, and received another DSC. In 1982, Cavazos became the first Hispanic American four-star general.

Fort Lee, Virginia—Fort Gregg-Adams

This name recognizes Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg, who served in Korea and Vietnam, and Lt. Col. Charity Adams, of World War II. Both worked in critical supply and support services. Gregg, one of the first Black officers in a desegregated Army, commanded the 96th Supply and Service Battalion in Vietnam and rose to deputy chief of staff of logistics for the Army. In 1944 Adams commanded the first unit of Black women overseas, the 6888th Central Postal Directory in England.

Fort Pickett, Virginia—Fort Barfoot

The renaming is a tribute to Col. Van T. Barfoot, a Choctaw Indian from Mississippi who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In World War II he received the Medal of Honor for single-handedly taking out three German machine gun nests and a tank in one day. In Vietnam, he flew Army helicopter combat missions and earned multiple awards of the Air Medal.

Fort Rucker, Alabama—Fort Novosel

This switch honors Army aviator Michael J. Novosel Sr., who flew B-29 bombers in World War II, served with the Air Force stateside during the Korean War and went to Vietnam twice as an Army Huey helicopter pilot flying medevac missions. On his second tour, with the 82nd Medical Detachment as a chief warrant officer 4, Novosel's heroic evacuation of wounded South Vietnamese troops was recognized with the Medal of Honor.

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