U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE
Eight Hundred and Forty-fifth Meeting
August 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
(Virtual Meeting)

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance
Kenia Allen   Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Marcus Allsup   Department of Defense (National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency)
Meghan Barrett   Department of Homeland Security
Marielle Pedro Black   Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Thad Ellerbe   Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Liz Flake   United States Postal Service
Andrew Flora   Department of Commerce (Census Bureau)
Andrew Griffin   Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Brenda-Anne C. Forrest Government Publishing Office
Elizabeth Kanalley   Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service)
Susan Lyon   Department of Defense (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) (Chair)
Patrick Mahoney   Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management)
Veronica Ranieri   Library of Congress
Mike Shelton   Department of the Interior (National Park Service)
Jeremy Smith   Department of the Interior (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)
Timothy St. Onge Library of Congress (Vice Chair)
Michael Tischler   Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Tara Wallace   Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)

Ex-Officio
Glenn Guempel, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Domestic Names Committee
Trent Palmer, Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names / Foreign Names Committee

Staff
Josefa Baker, U.S. Geological Survey
Julie-Ann Danfora, U.S. Geological Survey
Maria McCormick, U.S. Geological Survey
Jennifer Runyon, U.S. Geological Survey

Guests
Sam Barrick, Census Bureau
Jane Cadwalader, Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names
Doug Caldwell, BGN Chair Emeritus
Alex Fries, National Park Service
1. **Opening**

The Chair opened Meeting 845 of the Domestic Names Committee (DNC) at 9:35 a.m. and requested a roll call of the members. She noted that motions would pass by a simple majority of votes.

The meeting was held virtually, due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair invited members to review the reports that were distributed previously and to email any questions or comments to the staff. (Please note the reports appended hereto may have been edited for length and/or clarity.)

2. **Minutes of Meeting 844**

The minutes of Meeting 844, held July 14, 2022, were approved as submitted.

3. **Reports**

3.1 **BGN Chairman (Allsup)**

See attached report. The next meeting of the Foreign Names Committee will be held September 20, 2022. The BGN’s Full Board Quarterly Meeting 287 will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022; it will be held virtually at 1:30 p.m.

3.2 **BGN Executive Secretary (Palmer and Guempel)**

There was no written report.

Palmer noted that the upcoming meeting of the BGN and the UK Permanent Committee on Geographical Names will include a report on the ongoing efforts to change names considered to be derogatory or offensive.

Guempel reported that the BGN Executive Committee is working on scheduling a meeting. He also noted that progress is being made in the effort to have the BGN’s foreign names data set up as a
National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) under the Cultural Resources theme of the OMB A-16 NGDA act. The BGN’s domestic names data are already included as a NGDA.

3.3 Special Committee on Communications (Lyon)

There was no written report. Production of the FY21 Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior is still ongoing.

3.4 Executive Secretary (Guempel)

There was no written report.

Guempel reminded members of several upcoming important meeting dates. A meeting will be held on August 18, hosted by the chair of the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force, to brief the DNC members on their upcoming vote to change geographic names that include “sq__.” All members are encouraged to attend. The vote will take place in September.

DNC Meeting 847 will take place on September 15, during the annual conference of the Council of Geographic Names Authorities.

3.5 Staff (Runyon)

See attached report.

Runyon and O’Donnell have attended a number of virtual State Names Authority meetings.

Quarterly Review List 448, comprising 52 new proposals, has been completed and posted online. It was delayed a month to include proposals submitted by the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force to change the names of features recorded in GNIS as Unincorporated Populated Places (UPPLs) which include the word “sq__.” Staff sent out the quarterly Tribal notice and request for comments. Local, State, and Federal stakeholder notices will be distributed soon. Staff will request feedback within six months on the proposals to rename the aforementioned UPPLs. The Action List will be updated soon to include the new proposals and decisions from today’s meeting.

Runyon and O’Donnell met on July 27 with Dr. Robert A. Underwood, a member of the Kumisiôn i Fino’ CHamoru yan i Fina’nå’guen i Historia yan i Lina’la’ i Taotao Tåno’ (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam). Dr. Underwood is a former U.S. Representative from Guam who in 1998 coordinated the effort to rename Guam’s capital. They reviewed official names recorded in GNIS for features in Guam. The Kumisiôn plans to restore CHamoru language names and spellings and will submit proposals to the BGN for natural features. They will also work with the Census Bureau to change the names of a number of civil divisions.
Forrest inquired if the recent Secretary’s Orders 3404 and 3405 would affect official names in U.S. territories and if proposals to change names in Guam would be handled in any special way. Staff noted that any names determined to be derogatory would be processed like any other name, and other proposals will be processed under the normal DNC procedures.

Following the inquiry received last month from the USGS National Geospatial Program regarding the reliability of GNIS for the names of Tribal lands, Runyon attended the July 21 meeting of the Tribal Lands Working Group. Further discussions will take place in coming weeks.

Flora asked about the status of California Assembly Bill 2022, which would “require the term ‘sq___’ to be removed from all geographic features and place names in the state” and if it would affect street names. Runyon offered to research the status, adding that it is unclear if it is intended to address only administrative names that fall outside the BGN’s purview. During the recent meeting of the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names, it was implied that it will also address natural features that are not recorded in GNIS, although no specifics were provided.

3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (McCormick)

There was no written report.

McCormick is testing files for staged products of all GNIS data, including text files, a geodatabase, and a geopackage. These should be posted before the end of the fiscal year. The most recent staged products are from August 2021.

3.7 Special Committee on Native American Names and Tribal Communication (Kanalley)

See attached report.

The committee has been discussing how BGN member agencies might help distribute the Review List notice to their existing Tribal contacts.

The committee will meet following this meeting. Joe Younkle, who managed the Tribal Consultation for Secretary’s Order 3404, will provide an overview of the process.

3.8 Secretary’s Order 3404/Task Force Activities Update (Tischler/Guempel)

Tischler reminded members that the BGN vote on recommended names is coming up soon. The Task Force is expected to complete its review of input received from the BGN staff by Friday.

Tischler noted that the DOI requires that the orders are officially called “Secretary’s Orders,” not “Secretarial Orders.”
4. **Docket**

Please refer to the attached Docket for a description of each proposal.

I. **Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested parties**

Change **Negro Canyon** (FID 264030) to **Johnson Canyon** and change application, California (Tahoe National Forest) (Review List 434)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 18 in favor
     0 against
     0 abstentions

Change **Falk Run** (FID 1174572) to **Falls Run**, Pennsylvania (Not review listed)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 18 in favor
     0 against
     0 abstentions

II. **Disagreement on Docketed Names**

**Barger Hill**, Arizona (Review List 443)

A motion was made and seconded not to approve the name, citing the State Names Authority recommendation and the lack of local support

Vote: 17 in favor
     0 against
     1 abstention

Change **Sand Island** (FID 2830646) to **Woodland Island**, Michigan (Review List 445)

A motion was made and seconded not to approve the change, citing the objections from local stakeholders, the State Names Authority, and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.
Vote:  18  in favor
       0  against
       0  abstentions

**Lisas Falls** or **Stewart Falls**, North Carolina (Nantahala National Forest) (Review Lists 444, 445) (FID 2830673)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name **Stewart Falls**.

Vote:  18  in favor
       0  against
       0  abstentions

**Little Huckleberry Falls** or **Santeetlah Bluff Falls**, North Carolina (Nantahala National Forest) (Review Lists 444, 445) (FID 2830674)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name **Santeetlah Bluff Falls**.

Vote:  18  in favor
       0  against
       0  abstentions

III. **New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties**

**McCutcheon Bay**, North Carolina (Marine Corps Air Station New River) (Review List 444) (FID 2830672)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name.

Vote:  18  in favor
       0  against
       0  abstentions

IV. **Revised Decisions** - none

V. **New Names agreed to by all interested parties**

**Liberty Pond**, Florida (Review List 447) (FID 2830671)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name.

Vote:  18  in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Closing

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next Domestic Names Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on September 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

(signed)

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Glenn Guempel, Executive Secretary
Domestic Names Committee

APPROVED
(signed)

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Susan Lyon, Chair
Domestic Names Committee

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BGN CHAIR REPORT

1) FOREIGN NAMES COMMITTEE
The FNC has not met since DNC 844. The next FNC Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022. Please note that this is one week later than as is usually scheduled. Contact FNC Staff Assistant Alex Boyd Alexander.Boyd.ctr@nga.mil to receive the Webex invitation and meeting documents should you wish to attend.

2) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURES (ACUF)
ACUF has not met since DNC 844.

3) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC NAMES (ACAN)
ACAN has not met since DNC 844.

5) **NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING**

The next Full Board Meeting, BGN 287, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

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**BGN/Domestic Names Committee Meeting 845**

**Staff Report**

Staff attended virtual meetings of the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN) (July 22), the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (ASBGHN) (July 26), the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names (August 3), and the Utah Geographic Names Committee (August 4). At the ASBGHN meeting, staff presented an overview of BGN policies and procedures. The staff also participated in a number of informal discussions with State Names Authority contacts to review pending cases.

There is considerable interest at the State level in efforts to change derogatory and offensive names. At the CACGN meeting, a representative of the ACLU provided an overview of Assembly Bill 2022, which would “require the term ‘squaw’ to be removed from all geographic features and place names in the state,” effective January 1, 2025. The bill seems to focus on administrative names that fall outside the BGN’s purview, and also may be extended to other words considered derogatory.

Staff attended the BGN Full Board Quarterly Meeting 286 held on July 19. The BGN approved 16 new Antarctic names, as well as the appointment of a new member to the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names.

During the month, staff continued to provide support as needed to the Secretary’s Order 3404 Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force. On July 21, the Task Force delivered to the BGN its completed list of 646 “sq__” changes, along with seven additional proposals to change the names of unincorporated populated places that include the word. The latter group will undergo additional research and outreach, thus providing a more deliberate process than is currently allowed for under S.O. 3404 for communities to determine a replacement name. The staff provided DOI with a plan and timeline to accomplish the changes.

Quarterly Review List 448, comprising 52 new name and name change proposals, was completed and posted online on August 5. The release date was delayed a month to accommodate the aforementioned “sq__” populated place changes.
The BGN has continued to receive miscellaneous comments and occasional proposals to address “sq__” names. The staff has responded that the public and Tribal comment periods ended in late April and that the Task Force has completed its review.

Recent media coverage has reported on efforts to rename Clingmans Dome, located in Great Smoky Mountains National Park along the North Carolina-Tennessee boundary. No proposal has yet been submitted to the BGN, but the articles imply one will be forthcoming “by the end of the year.” The new name to be proposed, ‘Kuwahi,’ is already recorded in GNIS as a variant.

On July 27, a representative of the Guam Place Names Commission met with staff at USGS in Reston. The commission is reviewing names on the island, many of which were anglicized over the years and/or given by the U.S. military during World War II, but there is interest in restoring the CHamoru language names. The commission is expected to submit a number of name changes to the BGN. The commission also shared documents related to renaming five municipalities in Guam; the information has been provided to the Census Bureau for further review.

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (CoGNA) will hold its annual conference September 13-16 in Frederick, Maryland. Further details and a link to register are available at Conferences (cogna50usa.org). The DNC will hold its monthly meeting during the conference, and all interested parties are invited to submit topics for the State-Federal Roundtable. There will also be sessions on derogatory names and Tribal issues.

Following the inquiry received last month from the USGS National Geospatial Program regarding the reliability of GNIS for the names of Tribal lands, staff attended the July 21 meeting of the Tribal Lands Working Group. Further discussions will take place in coming weeks.

The staff continues to receive a steady number of inquiries regarding the BGN’s naming and renaming process.

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Special Committee on Native American Names and Tribal Communication
Report to the BGN Domestic Names Committee

The BGN Special Committee on Native American Names and Tribal Communication met on Thursday, July 14, 2022, directly following the 844th Domestic Names Committee (DNC) meeting. The special committee continued discussing the BGN staff desire to improve the effectiveness of distributing the BGN Quarterly Review List to Tribal governments. BGN staff will share a list of emails that regularly fail to go through, to see if any Special Committee members may have contacts within Tribes who could help us to obtain the correct Tribal Leader/THPO contact information. The Special Committee discussed having BGN member agencies (Federal Land Management agencies, NOAA, Census, others) assist by forwarding the review list through their
Tribal Relations networks. A meeting was held on August 10 with BGN member agencies willing to explore this further. The special committee is meeting today, directly following DNC Meeting. Joe Younkle, Special Assistant to the DOI Assistant Secretary for Water and Science will share advice, lessons learned regarding Tribal Communication efforts implemented to obtain Tribal input for SO #3404.

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DOCKET
August 2022

Unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the BGN’s Policy X: Tribal Geographic Names, a link to the Quarterly Review List containing each proposal was sent to all federally recognized Tribes, and to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for which an email address was available. The Tribal authorities were given 60 days to comment on any proposal. The Otoe-Missouria Tribal Historic Preservation Office responded to the Review List 443 notice, stating it has “no objection to the proposed name changes on Review List 443.” If no response(s) were received regarding a proposal, it is presumed to indicate a lack of opinion.

I. Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested Parties

Change Negro Canyon (FID 264030) to Johnson Canyon and change application, California (Tahoe National Forest) (Review List 434)

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This proposal is to change the name of Negro Canyon in Nevada County to Johnson Canyon. The valley flows through land managed by the Truckee Donner Land Trust (TDLT) and Tahoe National Forest, before entering the Town of Truckee. The proposal would also change in part the application (location) of the name.
**Negro Canyon** has been labeled on USGS topographic maps since 1955. The replacement name would commemorate Albert Johnson (1832-1911), a well-known and respected resident of the area during the late 1800s. Although it cannot be confirmed, local speculation is that the canyon was named for Mr. Johnson. The Notable Kentucky African Americans Database reports that he came to California from Kentucky around 1871, after which he worked at the Truckee Hotel and on a Lake Tahoe steamer. W. F. Edwards’ *Tourists’ Guide and Directory of the Truckee Basin* (1883) documented Johnson as a porter at the Truckee Hotel. By 1910, he was the owner of a resort on Donner Lake where he rented rooms and cabins. An article in the *Sacramento Union* reporting on Johnson’s death in 1911 described him as “perhaps more widely known than a majority of the white men in the county.”

The proposed name Johnson Canyon is already used by the TDLT, which in 2006 purchased 280 acres in the canyon. The name also appears at the websites of the Truckee Chamber of Commerce and the Truckee River Watershed Council, as well as on several hiking websites.

The canyon splits into two prominent branches. The lower portion and the western branch have carried the name Negro Canyon since 1955, but more recent research shows that the more predominant eastern branch is the one known locally by that name (and more recently as Johnson Canyon). The stream that flows through the eastern branch is named Gregory Creek. A blog describing the Gregory Creek Overlook Trail refers to a sign at the end of the “politically incorrect Negro Canyon Overlook Trail.” An article in *The Sierra Sun* in 2004 stated that Albert Johnson settled on Donner Lake at Gregory Creek. U.S. Forest Service field work and TDLT trail route descriptions confirm the local application that differs from GNIS.

**Change Falk Run to Falls Run, Pennsylvania**
(Not review listed)

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This proposal is to correct an apparent typographic error in the name of Falk Run in Franklin Township in Erie County. The name in local and historic use is Falls Run, a reference to a waterfall on the stream named Howard Falls and one of the largest in western Pennsylvania.

The name Falls Run is documented as early as an 1865 Erie County atlas. Falk Run appears to have been first used on a 1912 Pennsylvania State Highway Map, according to the Pennsylvania
Geographic Names Committee. The earliest USGS topographic map of the area (1923) showed the name Falk Run.

The Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program designated sections of the stream as the Falls Run Natural Heritage Area and the Falls Run Gorge Natural Heritage Area. The Howard Falls Trust, which preserves the land around the falls, has consistently used the name Falls Run.

II. Disagreement on Docketed Names

Barger Hill, Arizona
(Review List 443)

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The new name Barger Hill is proposed for an unnamed 2,937-foot summit in the City of Tucson in Pima County. The name would commemorate George Charles Barger (1924-2016), a U.S. Navy and World War II veteran who lived below the summit from 1982 to 2013.

The proponent, Mr. Barger’s son, reports that his father “was a revered church elder at the Church of the Painted Hills not far from the summit in question. He served as a volunteer at St. Mary’s Hospital located within walking distance of the summit. His volunteer efforts also extended to the local little league. George Barger left a lasting impact for those fortunate enough to know him and was a beloved figure and leader within the community that surrounds the summit.”

The proponent added, “Assurance by the housing development located at [the] base of [the] landmass, ‘Lennar at Starr Pass Vistas,’ in March of 2019 that said [the] landmass is unnamed.” A portion of the summit is included within Starr Pass Resorts Easements, managed by Pima County Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation.

The proponent initially submitted a proposal in 2019 to name the summit after a nickname for his living son.

According to GNIS, there are no other features in Arizona with “Barger” in their names.

The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names voted to deny the proposal based on a lack of local support and a lack of significant and direct association between Mr. Barger and the feature.
Change Sand Island (FID 2830646) to Woodland Island, Michigan
(Review List 445)

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This proposal is to change the name of Sand Island, an approximately 40-acre island in Pickford Township in Chippewa County, to Woodland Island. The island is located in Munuscong Lake on the Saint Marys River and within Munuscong State Wildlife Management Area. It is distinct from the larger Sand Island in the Saint Marys River 6.5 miles to the north in Soo Township.

The proponent reports that while boating in the area, he landed on the island, which he describes as “a mostly flat, level island with abundant vegetation and trees”; he adds, “the island’s peaceful, calm, and serene environment inhabited only by its native waterfowl, trees, and brush appealed to my nature-loving side. Since the island is uninhabited, untouched, and abundant in trees and plants, Woodland Island is a fitting name. This name has never before been used to identify this island or any other in the world. Prior to European colonization of the USA, the Native American people of the Chippewa Tribe inhabited the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Instead of naming it after an individual [this] is, most certainly, the most appropriate way to praise and commemorate the native people as well as the untouched, inhabiting natural surroundings... nearly all the islands of the Great Lakes have been named. To leave a single island unnamed amongst a sea of named islands is like completing a jigsaw puzzle without inserting the last piece.”

Prior to receipt of this proposal, the island was not recorded in GNIS. However, research showed that it was labeled Sand Island on a 1979 Michigan Department of Transportation highway map, a 1981 Michigan Department of Natural Resources county map, a 1999 Chippewa County Road Commission map, and in the 2011 Pickford Township Master Plan. As such, it has been added to GNIS, thus making this proposal a name change rather than a new name for an unnamed feature. The local, State, and NOAA opposition all cite reluctance to change the existing name.

GNIS does not list any features in the U.S. named “Woodland Island.” There are 10 natural features and communities in Michigan with “Woodland” in their names, but none are in Chippewa County.
Lisas Falls or Stewart Falls, North Carolina
(Nantahala National Forest)
(Review List 444, 445)

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The BGN received two proposals to name an unnamed 25-foot-high falls on Santeetlah Creek in Graham County. The waterfall is located in the Unicoi Mountains in Nantahala National Forest.

A Georgia-based waterfall photographer and author of several books about waterfalls in the southeastern U.S. proposed the name Lisas Falls, which he said would commemorate his sister Lisa Morrison, who died in 1961 at the age of four years and four months. He reports that while visiting the area in the spring of 2021, he was inspired to give her name to the falls. He also reported that “[t]he name Lisa’s Falls will be in my new book. It is already in use by waterfall enthusiasts,” but did not provide any further details.

When asked to comment on the proposal, the Graham County Commissioners submitted a counterproposal for the name Stewart Falls, which would commemorate the Stewart family, “who lived along Santeetlah Creek prior to U.S. Forest Service acquisition.” Stewart Cabin is located approximately a half-mile downstream from the falls, and the two ridges located to the southeast are named Doc Stewart Ridge and Art Stewart Ridge. The county did not provide any other biographical details, but a search of online genealogical records shows that a number of individuals names Stewart acquired land grants in the area as early as 1885. A Tennessee Valley Family Removal and Population Readjustment Case File notes that C. J. Stewart was relocated from nearby Proctor in 1943, “to make way for TVA dams and hydroelectric power plants.”
**Little Huckleberry Falls** or **Santeetlah Bluff Falls**, North Carolina
(Nantahala National Forest)
(Review List 444, 445)

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**Little Huckleberry Falls:**

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The BGN received two proposals to name an unnamed 155-foot-high falls on an unnamed tributary of Santeetlah Creek that flows off the north slope of Little Huckleberry Knob in Graham County. The waterfall is located in the Unicoi Mountains in Nantahala National Forest.

A Georgia-based waterfall photographer and author of several books about waterfalls in the southeastern U.S. proposed the name **Little Huckleberry Falls**, a reference to the nearby Little Huckleberry Knob. He reported that “[t]his will be the name of the waterfall in my new book.”

When asked to comment on the proposal, the Graham County Commissioners submitted a counterproposal for the name **Santeetlah Bluff Falls**, stating that “[t]hese falls are quite some distance from Little Huckleberry Knob. [They] are on a tributary of Santeetlah Creek that flows down through the middle of the area locally known as Santeetlah Bluffs.” The U.S. Forest Service reports that the falls are locally known as **Santeetlah Falls** but has no objection to either form of the name.

**III. New Commemorative Names and Changes agreed to by all interested parties**

**McCutcheon Bay**, North Carolina
(Marine Corps Air Station New River)
(Review List 444)

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This proposal is to apply the new name McCutcheon Bay to a bay located near the head of the New River, at the mouth of Southwest Creek. The bay lies immediately south of the airfield at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River. The waters are State owned but also designated as a Military Danger Zone and Restricted Area, and according to the application, “may be closed off with notice to watercraft by the base commander to conduct military training.”

The proposed name, submitted by the Community Plans & Liaison Officer at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, would commemorate General Keith B. McCutcheon (1915-1971), Marine Aviator through World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. An honor graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology’s ROTC unit, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, McCutcheon served in the Pacific and in the United States European Command in Germany, along with assignments to Marine Corps Base Quantico and the National War College in Washington, D.C. In 1962, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assumed command of the Hawaii-based 1st Marine Brigade, later serving as Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and as Deputy Commander, III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam.

General McCutcheon received the following awards: Distinguished Service Medal with two Gold Stars; the Silver Star Medal (Army); the Legion of Merit with Combat “V” and two Gold Stars; the Distinguished Flying Cross; ten Air Medals; three Navy Unit Commendations; the American Defense Service Medal with Base clasp; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Europe clasp; the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star; the Korean Service Medal with three bronze stars; the Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm; the Vietnamese Medal of Honor (First Class); the United Nations Service Medal; the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with bronze star; the Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In 1970 he was selected to serve as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps by President Nixon but was unable to assume the post due to health reasons. Because of his distinguished career, Congress passed special legislation which provided that he be placed on the retired list with the rank of General. In 1972 the airfield at MCAS New River was rededicated in honor of General McCutcheon. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

IV. Revised Decisions - none
V. New Names agreed to by all interested parties

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This proposal is to make official the name Liberty Pond for a 0.3-acre pond in a sinkhole on the University of Florida (UF) campus in Gainesville in Alachua County. The pond is located within the UF Veteran’s Memorial, which according to the UF Army ROTC website, “was erected to honor fallen UF veterans and Gators of the five Armed Services who served their country.” That site also reports that the pond is 100 years old. The memorial was dedicated in 2009 and at the time had a fountain, flags, and five granite pillars representing the five military branches. (The UF Student Senate recently passed a resolution advocating that the memorial also honor the U.S. Space Force.) The memorial fell into disrepair and the area was renovated around 2019. The memorial was not reconstructed and UF is currently holding a fundraiser to rebuild it.

The proponent states that the name Liberty Pond “is in honor of allied military veterans in general, with a particular focus on veterans with connections to the University of Florida, its staff, faculty, and/or students.”

The pond is currently labeled Green Pond on Google Maps; this was the locally used name for many years and was recorded in the “University of Florida Campus Master Plan, 2005-2015,” which noted that it was also known as Reitz Union Pond because of its location next to the Reitz Union Building. In 2013, the UF Board of Trustees passed a resolution renaming the pond from its unofficial name of Green Pond, a generic reference to the algae growing in the water, to Liberty Pond “to accurately reflect the [veteran] memorial site.”