

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** July 16, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Naming Recommendation, National Guard Armory, 14941 Riverside Dr., Moreno Valley, CA


**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors directs:

- 1) That the County Executive Officer request the Army National Guard name the Moreno Valley facility located on Riverside Drive in honor of Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr. of Palm Desert, CA; and
- 2) That the CEO designate a project officer to work with the California National Guard, National Guard Bureau, National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of California and our congressional delegation to facilitate this naming and dedication in honor of Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr.; and
- 3) That the CEO may engage the county representative in Washington D.C. and Sacramento for this purpose is also authorized.

**BACKGROUND:** Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr. is a resident of Riverside County, residing in the city of Palm Desert. He is a combat veteran of the Korean War, having served as a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division.

Shortly after the Korean War, Temple returned to the California National Guard and was awarded a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. He climbed rapidly through the commissioned officer ranks, holding progressively responsible positions in command and executive posts. He served as military aide to Ronald Reagan, as director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and was called to Washington, D.C. to serve as the director of the Army National Guard and later named by President Reagan to serve as the chief of the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon. He is the first and only California National Guard member to hold the posts of director of the Army National Guard and chief of the National Guard Bureau.

While serving as chief of the National Guard Bureau, Temple transformed the Army and Air Guard into the best trained and equipped National Guard force in the world. Under his leadership he reequipped, trained, exercised and deployed Army & Air Guard units across the nation and around the globe and ensured states had the education, training and resources to complete their dual missions.

  
Supervisor John J. Benoit  
Fourth District Supervisor

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Temple served as a mentor to many officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted personnel during his 5 decades of military service to his state and nation. Presidents, foreign leaders, cabinet secretaries, senators, congressional representatives and his fellow guardsmen still call upon him for matters of military policy, mentorship and advice.

Naming this facility is appropriate recognition for this distinguished and highly decorated citizen soldier. According to one senior military official, this very armory and reserve center would not have been built and operational today without the assistance of Lt. Gen. Temple. Riverside County may use existing funds to help with costs of a suitable plaque for the building.