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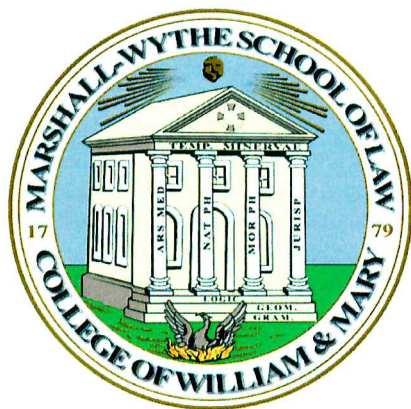
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2010

Naming of the Veterans Benefits Clinic In Honor of Lewis B. Puller, Jr.

William & Mary Law School



Lewis B. Puller, Jr.

Veterans Benefits Clinic

November 11, 2010

LEWIS B. PULLER, JR.

Lewis B. Puller, Jr. (1945-1994) was an attorney, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the son of General Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, the most highly decorated Marine in the Corps’ history. After graduating from the College of William & Mary in 1967, Mr. Puller completed Officer Candidate School and Basic Training. He was sent to Vietnam in 1968, where he was badly wounded when he tripped a booby-trapped Howitzer round.

Mr. Puller returned to Virginia and was affiliated with the Veterans Administration following graduation from William & Mary Law School in 1974. He was a member of President Gerald Ford’s Clemency Board during the 1970s, and a Service Director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. From 1978 -1994, he worked for the U.S. Defense Department in the Office of the General Counsel. In 1991, he told the story of his life in a book titled *Fortunate Son*, which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize. In 1993, Mr. Puller returned to Vietnam, looking for ways to both honor and give back to the people who had lost so much during that war. He and several others, like journalist and fellow veteran, Terry Anderson, and actress Kieu Chinh, decided the best monument they could build would be schools for Vietnamese children. Today, 58,000 children are taught in 41 schools throughout Vietnam, including the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. School in Dong Ha, the capital of Quang Tri Province on the former DMZ (demilitarized zone).

Veterans Benefits Clinic at William & Mary Law School

Established in 2009, the VBC is the first clinic to address both legal and psychological challenges facing our wounded warriors. Our psychological services are provided through collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University’s Center for Psychological Services and Development (CPSD) based in Richmond, Virginia.

Through the work of law students, the VBC provides veterans in Virginia and throughout the nation with information and assistance in pursuing service-related disability compensation benefits, and aids them in the filing, adjudication, and appeal of their claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VBC also represents veterans with appeals of Discharges and Medical Board proceedings. By collaborating with CPSD, the VBC also supports wounded veterans with accessing psychological testing, diagnosis, treatment and counseling from mental health professionals – help that many clients previously never received.

Naming of the
Veterans Benefits Clinic
In Honor of Lewis B. Puller, Jr.
1:00 P.M.

Welcome	Dean Davison M. Douglas
Remarks	Senator Mark Warner
Introduction of Puller Family	Dean Douglas
Remarks	Senator Toddy Puller
Introduction of Mark Matthews	Dean Douglas
Introduction of Clients and Student	Mark Matthews
Remarks	Dustin Allison '12 US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran
Remarks	Jeff Bozman '12 (Capt, USMCR)
Presentation	Bailey Woolfstead '12
Introduction of Col. Anthony P. Tokarz	Dean Douglas
Toast	Col. Tokarz

The Managing Attorneys, Stacey-Rae Simcox and Mark D. Matthews, are both former officers in the US Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps and are graduates of the William & Mary Law School (Class of 1999).



The Lewis B. Puller, Jr.
VETERANS
BENEFITS CLINIC

**To help the VBC support those who sacrificed,
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