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Carmichael



To: Advisory Board of Directors

From: Stacey Yankee, District Administrator
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Date: September 17, 2026

Subject: Wall of Honor Nominee

BACKGROUND

The District received an application for the Wall of Honor at Patriots Park. The Wall of Honor provides a lasting monument to residents of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to memorialize and honor those who gave their life for their Country or Community and lived or worked within our District.

DISCUSSION

Susan Skinner, long time Carmichael resident and local historian, submitted a nomination on behalf of Daniel E. Bishop of the United States Army.

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Daniel E. Bishop was a native of Carmichael, who lived off Grant Avenue, and was a 1957 graduate of San Juan High School. During high school, he was active in both football and band and played trombone with a small musical group that made several appearances on local television. Following high school, Bishop attended Humboldt State College for one year before continuing his education part-time at American River Junior College while working for Aerojet-General Corporation.

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Bishop was drafted into the United States Army in April 1962. During his military service, he completed intelligence training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, parachute jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and preliminary flight training at Camp Walters, Texas. He subsequently volunteered for helicopter flight training and completed advanced pilot training at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he earned his warrant officer ranking. To receive the flight training, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Bishop extended his military commitment through April 1967.

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Bishop was deployed to Vietnam in September 1964 for a 13-month tour. On April 19, 1965, he was serving as the pilot of a UH-1B helicopter during a combat assault mission in Vietnam when the aircraft was struck by small-

arms ground fire. The helicopter crashed and exploded upon impact. U.S. Army Warrant Officer Bishop was initially reported missing, and his body was recovered and positively identified the following day.

At the time of his death, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Bishop was 26 years old. He was survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bishop, and five brothers. He is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Panel 1E, Line 104, where his name is listed as Daniel E Bishop.

The Daniel Edward Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts, commonly known as the bandshell, is located in Carmichael Park and was named in his honor. The pavilion continues to serve the community today as the home of the District's annual Concerts in the Park series, as well as a venue for numerous community events throughout the year.

Recognizing U.S. Army Warrant Officer Daniel E. Bishop on the District's Wall of Honor will provide an additional opportunity to preserve and share his story with current and future generations. His connection to Carmichael, his service as a military helicopter pilot, and his ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam represent the type of local history and service that the Wall of Honor is intended to recognize.

A Wall of Honor Committee composed of CRPD Staff, the Advisory Board Chair, a member of the Carmichael Parks Foundation, a representative from the United States Military, and a representative from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District reviewed this nomination. The committee agreed that U.S. Army Warrant Officer Daniel E. Bishop meets the criteria for this honor.

RECOMMENATION

District staff recommend that the Advisory Board of Directors approve U.S. Army Warrant Office Daniel E. Bishop for the Wall of Honor memorial at Patriots Park.