



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #1*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**October 24, 2017**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Ms. DeTuncq, Seconded By: Mr. Kasproicz**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors wants to honor and memorialize the life and service to his country of Technical Sergeant Harold J. Davis; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to his country of Technical Sergeant Harold J. Davis, name the bridge on Route 655, Tin Pot Run Lane, over Tin Pot Run in Fauquier County as the “TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution, Fauquier County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 655, Tin Pot Run Lane, over Tin Pot Run, in Fauquier County as the “TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Fauquier County for these costs as required by law.

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## CTB Decision Brief

### Bridge Naming: “TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming on Route 655, Tin Pot Run Lane, over Tin Pot Run in Fauquier County as the “TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** Harold Davis was born in 1920 in Maryland but lived his entire life in Remington, VA. He worked for the Naval Radio Station in Annapolis, MD and on November 13, 1941 he was inducted into the United States Army. After basic training he was shipped off to battle in Europe during the Second World War.

Sergeant Davis served as a Platoon Sergeant and fought in Operation Torch, Crucifix Hill, Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. In each battle he was wounded, sent for medical care, treated and returned to battle. For his actions, Sergeant Davis was awarded four Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. During his final battle, he was wounded, sent home and honorably discharged.

Sergeant Harold J. Davis died in 2010 at the age of 89 and was buried in a Masonic cemetery in Culpeper.

**Recommendations:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

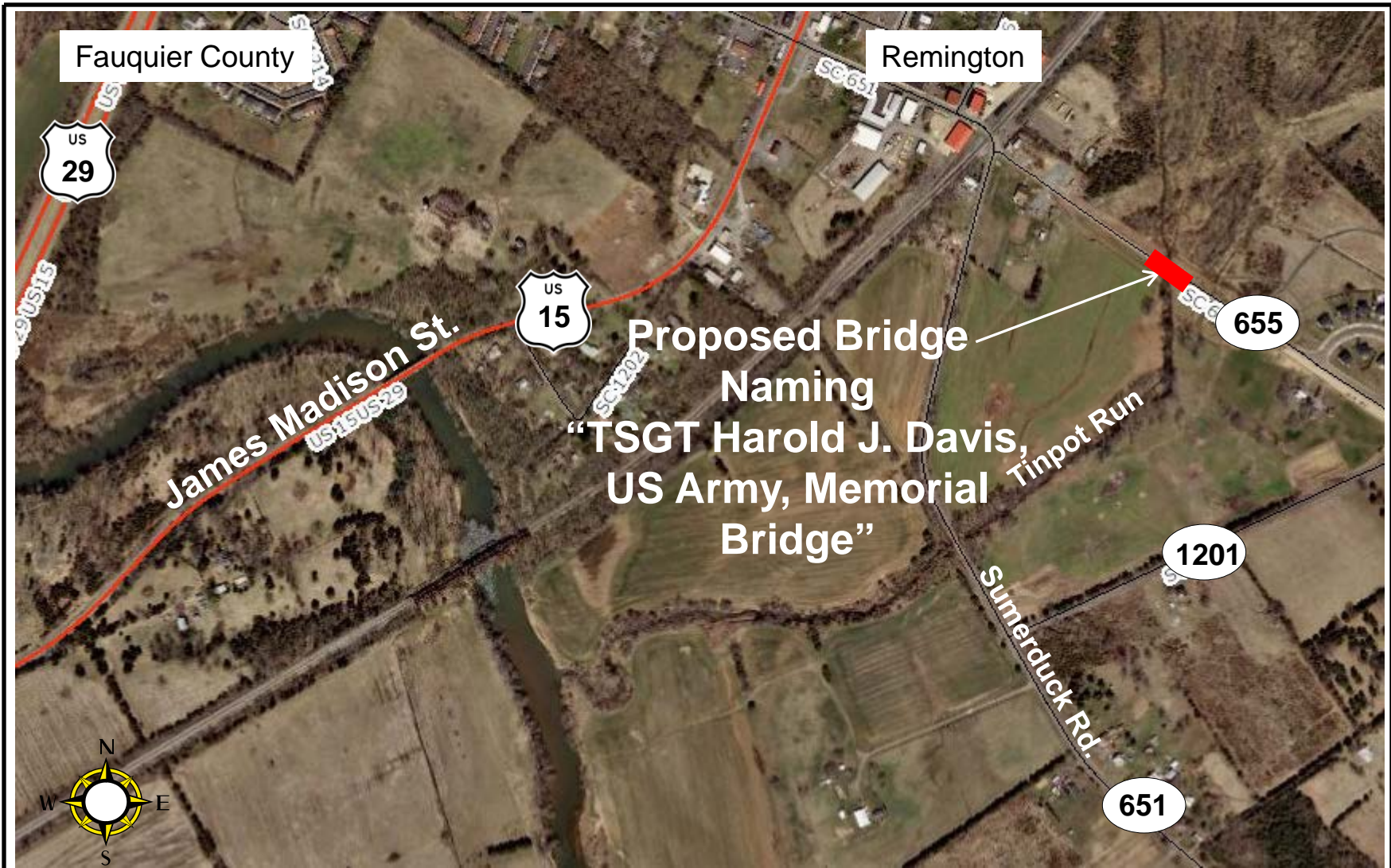
**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** The bridge located on Route 655, Tin Pot Run Lane, over Tin Pot Run in Fauquier County will be designated as the “TSGT Harold J. Davis Memorial Bridge”.

In accordance with law, Fauquier County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



Maintenance Division  
CTB MEETING: October 24, 2017

Fauquier County  
Proposed Bridge Naming:

**"TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army,  
Memorial Bridge"**

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE TIN POT RUN BRIDGE AFTER TECHNICAL SERGEANT HAROLD J. DAVIS

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of February, 2013 the Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Fauquier County Veterans' Council, agreed to petition the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for permission to name all bridges spanning primary and secondary roads in the County after military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Veterans' Council has requested that the Board of Supervisors petition VDOT to name the Tin Pot Run Bridge on Route 651 in Remington in honor of United States Army Technical Sergeant Harold J. Davis; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Davis was born June 4, 1920 in Sparrows Point, Maryland, but lived his entire life in Remington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Davis worked for the Naval Radio Station in Annapolis Maryland and, on November 13, 1941, he was inducted into the United States Army, and;

WHEREAS, after 13 weeks of basic training, Sergeant Davis was shipped off to battle in Europe; and

WHEREAS, during the Second World War, Sergeant Davis served as a Platoon Sergeant and fought in Operation Torch, Crucifix Hill, Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, in each battle, Sergeant Davis was wounded, sent for medical care, treated and returned to battle; and

WHEREAS, for his actions, Sergeant Davis was awarded four Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, during his final battle, Sergeant Davis was wounded, sent home, and honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Davis died in 2010 at 89 years of age and was buried in a Masonic cemetery in Culpeper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017 That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors does hereby petition the Virginia Department of Transportation to name the Tin Pot Run Bridge the "TSGT Harold J. Davis, US Army, Memorial Bridge" in honor of Sergeant Harold J. Davis.