

August 2, 2017

Major General Brian J. McKiernan
Commanding General
Fires Center of Excellence
455 McNair Avenue
Ft Sill, OK 73503

Dear General McKiernan,

My name is John Horgan and I am on the Board of Directors of Peabody West Little League (PWLL) in Peabody, MA. Earlier this year, an American flag was flown from the flagpole of Fort Sill as part of a ceremony honoring 1Lt. Robert L. Ross, after whom our little league park is named. That flag is now flying proudly over our Majors field at 1Lt. Ross Park, the home of PWLL. I am writing to thank you and your staff for arranging the ceremony honoring 1Lt Ross.

At the entrance of our little league baseball park is a red, white, and blue sign welcoming everyone to 1Lt. Ross Park. This year, we sought to honor 1Lt. Ross in a special way and with coordination through the 35th Infantry Association, Lt Col Jerry P. Orr (USA, RET), and tremendous support from you and your staff, we were able to do just that. We will forever be grateful to you and your staff for making what was an idea conceived last Fall into a reality in time for our Spring 2017 season. You are truly a man of action.

In addition to the American flag flown over Ft. Sill, an American flag was flown over Schofield Barracks in HI in honor of 1Lt. Ross, which is now flying over a second field at our park. Also, as part of our Opening Day ceremony this season, in coordination with the Mayor of Peabody's office, an American flag was raised over a third field at our park, complete with a Honor Guard and bagpiper in honor of 1Lt. Ross. In addition to Mayor Bettencourt and various other officials from the City of Peabody, in attendance for that ceremony was Shirley Howard, 1Lt. Ross' sister. Ms. Howard is aware of the effort put forth by the men and women at Ft. Sill to honor her brother and was also very appreciative.

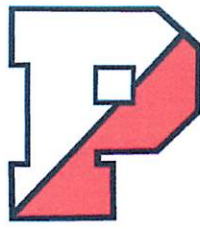
Our baseball park was dedicated to 1Lt. Ross in May 1969. PWLL is both humble and proud to play on baseball fields dedicated to a true American hero. We plan to raise an American flag in honor of 1Lt. Ross each year as part of our opening day ceremony.

I have enclosed a few pictures of our baseball park, to include the American flag flown at Ft. Sill that is now flying over our Majors field.

On behalf of the boys and girls of PWLL, thank you again for your help and support.

Sincerely,

John J. Horgan
PWLL Board of Directors



August 2, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry P. Orr, USA, Retired
1407 NW 31st St,
Lawton, OK 73505

Dear Colonel Orr,

I am writing to thank you for your support and action in helping coordinate the American flag raising ceremony from the flagpole of Fort Sill in honor of 1Lt. Robert L. Ross, after whom our little league park is named. That flag is now flying proudly over our Majors field at 1Lt. Ross Park, the home of Peabody West Little League (PWLL).

As you know, this year PWLL sought to honor 1Lt. Ross in a special way by having American flags flown in his honor at U.S. Military installations that have a connection to him and then returned to us to fly over our baseball fields. What was just an idea last Fall was made a reality in February of this year when an American flag was flown over Ft. Sill in a ceremony honoring 1Lt. Ross. We are forever grateful to you for your assistance in making that happen.

In addition to the American flag flown over Ft. Sill, an American flag was flown over Schofield Barracks in HI in honor of 1Lt. Ross, which is now flying over our AA field. Also, as part of our Opening Day ceremony this season, in coordination with the Mayor of Peabody's office, an American flag was raised over our AAA field complete with a Honor Guard and bagpiper in honor of 1Lt. Ross. In addition to Mayor Bettencourt and many other officials from the City of Peabody, in attendance for that ceremony was Shirley Howard, 1Lt. Ross' sister. Ms. Howard is aware of the effort put forth by you and the men and women at Ft. Sill and Schofield Barracks to honor her brother and was very appreciative.

We plan to raise an American flag in honor of 1Lt. Ross each year as part of our opening day ceremony. You helped us connect our past to the present, and we will ensure future PWLL little leaguers know who 1Lt. Ross was and the ultimate sacrifice he made for our freedom.

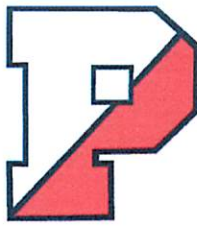
I have enclosed a few pictures of our baseball park, to include the American flag flying over our Major's field in honor of 1Lt. Ross.

On behalf of the boys and girls of PWLL, thank you again for your help and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Horgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John J. Horgan
PWLL Board of Directors



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Lieutenant Colonel Antwan Dunmyer
2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment Commander
Schofield Barracks
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857

Dear Colonel Dunmyer,

My name is John Horgan and I am on the Board of Directors of Peabody West Little League (PWLL) in Peabody, MA. Earlier this year, an American flag was flown from the flagpole of Schofield Barracks in honor of 1Lt. Robert L. Ross, after whom our little league park is named. That flag is now flying proudly over our AA Division field at 1Lt. Ross Park, the home of PWLL. I am writing to thank you and your staff for arranging the flag-raising ceremony honoring 1Lt Ross at Schofield Barracks.

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Sincerely,

John J. Horgan
PWLL Board of Directors