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Huntington VA renamed to honor Woody Williams

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HUNTINGTON - The Huntington VA Medical Center has been officially renamed in honor of Medal of Honor recipient and longtime Ona resident Hershel "Woody" Williams.

Legislation renaming the facility the "Hershel 'Woody' Williams VA Medical Center" was signed by President Donald Trump on Friday, said U.S. Rep Evan Jenkins, R-W.Va., in a release.

"Woody Williams has dedicated his life to protecting our nation, serving our veterans, and honoring the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," Jenkins said. "Renaming the Huntington VA Medical Center to honor his service is a fitting tribute for all he has done for our veterans and their families.

"I would like to thank President Trump for signing this important bill into law and joining us in recognizing a true American hero."

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., tweeted Monday that he was "thrilled" Trump had signed the legislation, stating "Nobody is more deserving than Woody!"

Williams, 94, received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the

Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. He is the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient to have served in the war's Pacific Theater.

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