

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WAR
DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1926,
FOR THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOL-
DIERS, AMOUNTING TO \$91,000

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 22, 1926.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, amounting to \$91,000.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reason for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 22, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, supplemental estimates of appropriations for the War Department for the fiscal

year ending June 30, 1926, for the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, amounting to \$91,000.

For support, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers:

Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, Wis., repairs-----	\$25, 000
Southern Branch, Hampton, Va., repairs-----	56, 000
Pacific Branch, Santa Monica, Calif., repairs-----	10, 000
Total-----	91, 000

The above estimate of appropriation for the Northwestern Branch is required for rebuilding the main roadway extending through the reservation a distance of approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. The basic foundation of this roadway, built many years ago, consists of stone blocks or slabs originally covered with gravel upon which since have been placed various materials from time to time as repairs became necessary until the roadway is now considerably higher than the gutters and walks alongside. Of late years cinders have been used for purposes of repair. These do not bind well and are soon crushed out by automobile traffic, leaving the roadway badly rutted almost continuously. The amount asked for is estimated to be sufficient to remove the present surface to a firm binding foundation and to resurface with tarvia.

The estimate of appropriation for the Southern Branch is required to rebuild about 300 feet of the present pile revetment with concrete and to dredge Jones Creek at that branch of the home. The present revetment of piling was built in 1909, and all coal for the branch is unloaded on this dock. Although frequently repaired, the piling is now badly rotted and has given way in several places, seriously endangering the foundations of the power house near by, in fact cracks have appeared in the foundation of this building. Rebuilding the revetment is necessary and it is believed its replacement with concrete will be economical. The amount of \$52,000 is estimated to be sufficient for this purpose. An additional \$4,000 is included in the estimate to dredge Jones Creek to a 10-foot channel at low tide, which is necessary to accommodate coal barge.

The estimate of appropriation for the Pacific Branch is required to connect the home sewer system with the sewer system of the city of Los Angeles, Calif. The present arrangement for sewage disposal at this branch is by septic tank and filtration beds placed there many years ago. The city has since grown completely around the reservation and the filtration beds of the home have become almost a nuisance. The University of Southern California, it is understood, will in the near future build an extensive plant near the location of these beds and their continued use can not much longer be considered. The city of Los Angeles has agreed to permit the connection for \$10,000, and this amount is believed to be not excessive.

The above estimates of appropriations, comprising three items, are required to meet unforeseen contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1926, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, by the War Department

Detailed objects of expenditure	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926
NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS		
For support of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, as follows:		
National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Northwestern Branch—Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, Wis., repairs: For repairing main roadway through the reservation, approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length, \$25,000, to continue available until June 30, 1927 (act Feb. 12, 1925, vol. 43, p. 932, submitted)-----	\$25,000	\$52,000
National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Southern Branch—Southern Branch, Hampton, Va., repairs: For replacing and repairing revetment and dredging, Jones Creek, \$56,000, to continue available until June 30, 1927 (same act, submitted)-----	56,000	50,000
National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Pacific Branch—Pacific Branch, Santa Monica, Calif., repairs: For demand charge, city of Los Angeles, Calif., for right of the home to connect with the sewer system of that city (same act, submitted)-----	10,000	67,000
Total-----	91,000	-----

