My grandpa, Jerry Mitchell, fought bravely among many others in the Vietnam War. Because of his service, he had to sacrifice many things back home. One of which being the birth of his son, my dad, among many other important events. Similarly, Edgar William Blankenship made the ultimate sacrifice, because of his service for our country. Those sacrifices should not be taken lightly and deserve to be reciprocated with honor and respect. I greatly appreciate this opportunity to bring honor to Blankenship and my grandfather’s many sacrifices.

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