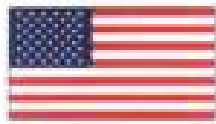


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*Good morning Honorable Senator Carla J. Joseph, Chair committee on Government Operations Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection, members of the committee, and the viewing and listening audience, I am Harry Daniel, Commander of the American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post V131 of St. John.*

Our Post is the voice of our veterans on the Island seeking to pass on information to all of them. Our post has been in exigence for more than 30 years working with the other post in the Virgin Islands along with the support of the office of Veterans Affairs.

I am here in support of Bill No. 35-0109 an Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emmanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam, and to rename Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay. St. John as the “Kendal Emmanuel George Drive”. Corporal George was one of two St. John Natives who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and preserve the democracy to keep America and the Virgin Islands free and safe. The other veteran was the late Viggo E. Sewer. To whom our post is named after. We were hoping that we could gotten them both honored at the same time, but we will continue to work toward this becoming a reality. We are ever grateful to Senator Dwayne DeGraff and his staff work with us with this bill, but also visited the site and spoke with some members of the Coral Bay Committee about our plans. Also work on getting the veterans circle project completed in Cruz Bay.

We hope with the continued support of the office off Senator Dwayne Degraff and your Committee we can get other projects for veterans on St. John and the Virgin Islands change with better benefits for all.