

Charlie Waters, key advocate for Fresno veterans, dies

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Charlie Waters, the Korean War combat veteran who battled in peace to secure a solid roof over the heads of his fellow veterans in Fresno, died Thursday. He was 82.

Mr. Waters made Fresno his home for the past two decades.

“Charlie Waters was not just a great man, he was a shining example of selflessness and service to others,” Mayor Ashley Swearingin said. “His tireless work on behalf of Fresno and its veterans is a testament to his unwavering love for his home and his country.”

Rep. Jim Costa, the Fresno Democrat, called Waters “a great champion of veterans throughout the Valley and our nation.”

Assemblyman Jim Patterson, the 23rd District Republican from Fresno, said “There is no doubt that Charlie was a hard-charging Marine who fought for our veterans. His many accomplishments were prompted by a deep-down and genuine love for people. We will all miss him, and will continue to be inspired by his refusal to give up.”

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