

Five years ago, May 7, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,093,910,000,000. Five trillion, ninety-three billion, nine hundred ten million.

Ten years ago, May 7, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,437,531,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred thirty-seven billion, five hundred thirty-one million.

Fifteen years ago, May 7, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,018,050,000,000. Two trillion, eighteen billion, fifty million.

Twenty-five years ago, May 7, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$598,331,000,000. Five hundred ninety-eight billion, three hundred thirty-one million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,045,274,408,260.92. Five trillion, forty-five billion, two hundred seventy-four million, four hundred eight thousand, two hundred sixty dollars and ninety-two cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL W. CHRISTMAN

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the career of an outstanding soldier and a good friend, Lieutenant General Daniel W. Christman, who is retiring after more than thirty-six years of active military service. General Christman's exemplary military career, culminating in five years as the Commanding General and Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, exemplifies the professionalism and seriousness of purpose that have helped make the U.S. military the best in the world.

Prior to his service at the United States Military Academy, General Christman had a remarkable military career for over 30 years. General Christman graduated first in his class from West Point and later taught in the Department of Social Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Economics. He has held several senior executive positions in the Army, all of which have taken advantage of his unique talents for creative leadership and strategic vision. Using his training in civil engineering, he has commanded a major U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District in Savannah Georgia and headed the Army's Engineer School in the early 1990s.

Throughout his distinguished career, General Christman has played a vital role in development and implementation of some of the most important security policy issues of the last several decades. He served in the Ford Administration as a member of the National Security Council Staff. During the Gulf War, he directed a strategic planning group which advised the Army's Chief of Staff on war prosecution policies. He represented the U.S. in Brussels, Belgium as a member of NATO's Military Committee where he had active in-

volvement in the historic expansion of NATO, pursuing peace in the Balkans and military dialogue with Russia. Immediately before arriving at West Point, General Christman served for two years as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. In that position he advised the Secretary of State on a broad range of issues, including arms control with Russia and Middle East peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

General Christman's tenure as the 55th Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy has been marked by a forward thinking strategic vision and the development of a more cooperative and positive environment at the Academy. I met with General Christman soon after I was sworn in as Senator and have been greatly impressed by his leadership at West Point. His success at obtaining critical funding support has enabled West Point to continue to attract high quality young cadets willing to embark on Army careers. He helped to raise funds for the Center for the Professional Military Ethic, as well as endowments for several academic department chairs and improved athletic facilities. He helped to inspire the creation of a dynamic and forward-looking Strategic Vision for the U.S. Military Academy 2010.

General Christman's exemplary service and devotion to duty, honor and country have left a lasting impact on the U.S. Military Academy, and indeed the U.S. Army. His numerous awards reflect the respect and admiration of those who have had the privilege to serve with him. I join my fellow Senators in wishing General Christman the best of luck in his future endeavors and my sincerest gratitude for his distinguished service to his country.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL W. CHRISTMAN

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the outstanding service to our nation of Lieutenant General Daniel William Christman, the 55th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy. On June 30, 2001, General Christman will retire from the United States Army after an outstanding career of more than 36 years of service in peace and in war to the Army and the Nation.

General Christman is a modern model of the soldier-scholar. After graduating first in his class from West Point in 1965, then young second Lieutenant Christman traveled to Fort Benning to undertake the Ranger Course. He then served as a Platoon Leader and later as a Commander in the 2d Infantry Division, Korea. In 1969, he commanded a company in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Returning from combat, General Christman went on to distinguish himself in numerous command and staff positions with U.S. Forces, both overseas and in the Continental United States. In Europe, his assignments in-

cluded serving as the 19th U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium, and Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion in Wildflecken, Germany.

General Christman's key command positions included service as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Commander of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Georgia.

General Christman occupied senior executive positions in Washington, D.C. which required creative leadership and strategic vision. He served as a Staff Assistant with the National Security Council during the Ford Administration, and as Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General for National Security Affairs in the Reagan Administration. General Christman was the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy at the Department of Army Headquarters. In this capacity, he supported negotiations relating to the Conventional Forces in Europe arms control talks between NATO and the Warsaw Pact on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served as Assistant to General Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff advising the Secretary of State on a broad range of military and national security issues such as arms control with the Russian Federation and the Middle East peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Over the years, General Christman also found time to continue his own education. He earned a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Princeton University, and holds a Law Degree from George Washington University.

For his service, General Christman has received, among others, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Merit Service Medal and the Air Medal.

General Christman has made many valuable contributions to our nation and the Army, but I believe that he has left his most indelible mark on the United States Military Academy, the institution where he began, and will soon end his Army career. After his graduation, General Christman first returned to his alma mater in 1970 as an Instructor, and later Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences. Then in 1996, General Christman undertook his last assignment as Superintendent. For the past five years, he charted the course for officer education into the new century.

Under his guidance, the Academy crafted a new mission statement, strategic vision, and a new public funding paradigm to enable the institution to compete and excel in an era of transformation. His assessment of current needs and insight of future possibilities

has resulted in a revised academic curriculum and an increased focus on the profession of officership. From the outset, General Christman sought the insight of Academy graduates and the neighboring community, where appropriate, to give these groups a closer identification with his decisions.

A consummate professional, General Christman's dedication to excellence and his unsurpassed devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked his distinguished service over the last 36 years. His service reflects a deep commitment to West Point, the Army, and our nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking General Christman for his honorable service to the citizens of the United States of America. I wish him, his wife Susan, and their children, continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.●

RETIREMENT OF RONALD CARL CASNER OF McVEYTOWN, PA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ronald Carl Casner of McVeytown, PA, as he retires as Vice-President from Omega National Bank after 42 years. He has given a great deal of time and energy to his profession, and has ensured a trustworthy banking service to his customers for many years. On June 30, 2001, he will bring his lengthy and accomplished career to a close, and I commend him for the many years of service he has provided to his community.

Mr. Casner was born February 7, 1936 in Lewistown, PA. After he graduated from high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954–1958. Upon his return to the United States from his military service, Ronald became employed at the former Penn Central National Bank, located in Mount Union and Huntington, PA. When Mr. Casner retires in June, he will retire as Vice-President of what is now Omega National Bank.

Mr. Casner is a member of the McVeytown United Methodist Church, serves on the Church's Board of Trustees, is an avid sportsman, and is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. His involvement in these civic organizations displays Mr. Casner's dedication both as a professional and in the community. Ronald and his wife, Anna, have two daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Mr. Ronald Casner for the many years he has given to his community. May his retirement be filled with health, happiness and memorable times with family and friends for many years to come.●

LEON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor the outstanding history of the Leon High School Band in Tallahassee, Florida. Now in its 61st year, Leon

High School Band's tradition of distinction is second only to the academic and personal integrity of its members.

Officially organized in 1940, Leon Band and its colorful history remain a source of great pride for everyone involved with the program. During those early years, the "Marching Redcoats" took the field at the 1946 Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, attended the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. and was proclaimed the official band of the State of Florida. The honors, acclaim and achievements, however, did not stop there; the band visited Mexico in 1974 to enter the Festival of Bands and toured Austria for the International Music Festival in 1977.

More recently, under the direction of Timothy Paul, the Leon High Band has continued its quest for excellence. Not only have they won the Sudler Order of Merit for Historical Bands, but in December, 2000, the band was presented with the prestigious Sulder Flag of Honor, an international award honoring musical expertise. Individually, band members consistently attain superior ratings in district and state competition. The grand tradition of the Leon High School Band continues and richly deserves our commendation and recognition.●

SEARCHING FOR SEQUOYAH

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize a family that has dedicated much time and energy into preserving its Cherokee heritage. Dr. Charles Rogers of Brownsville, TX, his wife Sheron, his son, George Charles Sherson, and his mother, Mary Layton Rogers, have traveled to Mexico in search of the grave of the famous Cherokee, Sequoyah.

Sequoyah is credited with inventing a writing system for the Cherokees by making symbols which form words. As a result of this syllabary, thousands of Cherokees became literate. In recognition of his monumental contribution, the Cherokee Nation awarded him a silver medal, along with a lifetime literary pension.

Sequoyah was born in Tennessee, in 1776, to Nathaniel Gist, a Virginia fur trader, and Wut-teh, the daughter of a Cherokee Chief. He also lived in Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas before moving to Oklahoma, where he lived until 1842. He then set out to find the Chickamauga Cherokees, who had moved to Mexico. He died the following year in Mexico, but the exact location of his grave has remained unknown.

Dr. Rogers and his family, who come from a long line of Cherokees themselves, have searched extensively for Sequoyah's grave. Their efforts may have paid-off as they believe they have found the burial site in a rock-covered cave near the "lost-village" of Sequoyah. Epic and Gloria Rodriguez of Mexico, whose ancestors helped Sequoyah and other Cherokees, directed the Rogers to the location. The Rogers' intent is not to return the re-

mains of Sequoyah to Oklahoma, but to recognize his grave in order to preserve the richness of the Cherokee heritage.

I hope you will join me today in honoring Sequoyah, for his contribution to the Cherokee people, as well as the Rogers family, for their work to preserve the legacy of this Cherokee hero.●

TRIBUTE TO PAGE GROTON

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Page Groton. He was a native of Baltimore who served his country with pride.

Page Groton spent his career working to improve the lives of working men and women. He played an important role in America's labor movement. He understood why unions are so important. He put his values into action.

Page enjoyed a long career as a trade union member, leader and lobbyist. He began working in Baltimore as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps before becoming an electrician at a shipyard in Pennsylvania. Page answered his country's call to duty by joining the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

After returning to the shipyard when the war ended, Page was elected union president of his boilermakers local. In 1962, Page Groton moved to Washington and became vice president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Union. Once in Washington, Page found the time to share his knowledge of labor issues with students from the University of Wisconsin School for workers. He finished his career as a lobbyist for the Metal Trades Department of the AFL-CIO.

I am so grateful for Page's friendship and support. In 1986, I found myself in a tough Senate primary campaign against two good friends of mine: Congressman Mike Barnes of Montgomery County, and Governor Harry Hughes of Maryland. Page was instrumental in helping the statewide AFL-CIO to know me.

Page Groton's life is an example of dedication to a cause higher than oneself. His legacy is his family, as well as an ethic of service that Americans and Marylanders may follow with pride. His beloved wife Mayrene Williams Groton and their two children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren are in my thoughts and prayers.●

RETIREMENT OF A. REID LEOPOLD, JR., MD, OF LEWISTOWN, PA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize A. Reid Leopold, Jr., MD, an accomplished physician from the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who will be retiring on June 30, 2001. Dr. Leopold has dedicated his entire professional life to improving the health and well-being of others in our communities.