

We could not have come to this position without our staff. If I can single out Rick DeBebes' work in particular, I know Judy will forgive me. This is his first year as staff director on our side, and Rick's work has been nothing less than extraordinary. It is exactly what we have come to expect from him.

I must also note Peter Levine, because of his continuous work. I probably should not single out anybody other than Rick, but I think all the members of the staff on this side will also understand why I single out Peter, in addition to Rick DeBebes, for the kind of work they have given this committee this year.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank my colleague. I take note that Peter Levine is here and he has been referred to on our side as the damage control expert, and he is very effective in these areas.

I must inquire of my distinguished colleague, was the long hand of David Lyles felt in this program, the former staff director of Senator LEVIN for these many years? I somehow see the fine hand of David Lyles.

Mr. LEVIN. His influence continues. He is now my chief of staff on my personal staff. He takes, of course, a major interest in this area, as he always has. I am sure Rick and Peter and all the others would say having David on my personal staff is a big plus.

Mr. WARNER. It is a big plus to us, also. I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff members listed by my good friend and colleague, Senator LEVIN.

Mr. President, I want to reach across the aisle, while nobody is looking, and shake hands with my colleague. We have worked together these 25 years and we are a pretty good team. It is a sheer joy to work with him.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARLIN T. ROCKHOLD

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, at a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on this day—Veterans Day—nearly two decades ago in 1985, President Ronald Reagan spoke about the responsibility we, the living, have in remembering those who have died for us on the field of battle. At that ceremony, President Reagan said this:

There is a special sadness that accompanies the death of a serviceman [or woman], for we're never quite good enough to them—not really; we can't be, because what they gave us is beyond our powers to repay. And

so, when a service [member] dies, it's a tear in the fabric, a break in the whole, and all we can do is remember.

Today, I come again to the floor of the U.S. Senate to remember an Ohio serviceman who gave his life to protect us, to protect our families, and to help liberate the Iraqi people. Army Private First Class Marlin Tyrone Rockhold, who proudly served with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Mechanized Infantry Division, was killed on May 8, 2003, by a sniper in Baghdad.

He was 23 years old.

Marlin Rockhold—"Rocko" to his family and friends—was born in Hamilton, OH, on July 1, 1979. He attended school in Butler County and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1998, where he was a well-liked student and member of the Hamilton Big Blue football squad. As his grandmother, Eileen Henderson, described, "Marlin just about always had a smile. He was a person you just had to like."

Though a kidder growing up, Marlin also had a quiet, determined, serious side. After graduation, he set out to realize a dream—a dream he had since childhood. Marlin Rockhold's dream, was to join the military. From the time he was a little boy, he wanted to become a soldier. He wanted to see the world. He wanted to see a life outside of Hamilton. He wanted to serve the country he so dearly loved.

And so, on March 4, 2002, Marlin joined the Army and was sent to Boot Camp at Fort Benning, GA. From there, he was stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. On January 20, 2003, he was sent to Kuwait and eventually went on to serve in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. President, for as much as Marlin Rockhold loved the Army, he loved his family even more. In fact, two days before he joined the service, on March 2, 2002, he married the love of his life, DaVonna. Marlin was thrilled to begin his family with her and her daughter, Therashia. He loved them both with every ounce of his being. They meant the world to him. He devoted his life to them.

While he was in Iraq, Marlin often wrote letters to his wife and his family. In one letter to his grandmother, he wrote that no one wants to fight a war, but sometimes you do what you have to do.

Through his service in the Army, PFC Marlin Rockhold was doing what he believed in. He didn't want to leave his family. He didn't want to fight a war. But Marlin Rockhold did what he felt he had to do. As Rev. Lonnie Napier said at Marlin's memorial service:

He was willing to join the fight for the hopeless so that they might be free.

Marlin Rockhold was a good soldier. He was a good man. Marlin's sister Brooke said he "always was determined to be happy. Now he's with the Lord. He's happy."

I attended Marlin's funeral, and I am grateful to have had the chance to hear

his family talk about the "Rocko" they so deeply loved and admired. At the service, Marlin's brother Derrick said:

My brother is a hero, my hero, our hero. He is my inspiration. My brother's legacy will live forever in our hearts.

Without question, Marlin Rockhold is a hero, and his legacy will live on through all who knew him and loved him.

In addition to his wife and daughter, left to cherish his memory are his mother Mary, his father Gary, his stepmother Joan, his grandmother Eileen, his four brothers, Keith, Derrick, Gregory, and Anton, his two sisters, Brooke and Kara, his in-laws Dorothy and Clarence and Demery and Patricia, and several aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews.

I know they will miss Marlin deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with them all.

I would like to close with something Marlin's wife Davonna said. She said this:

I just want Marlin to be remembered—that he [won't] be forgotten. I'll never forget him.

We, too, will never forget Marlin Rockhold. We will always remember him because, as President Reagan said at the conclusion of his remarks at Arlington National Cemetery on that Veterans Day 17 years ago:

We owe a debt we can never repay. All we can do is remember [the soldiers who have died] and what they did and why they had to be brave for us. All we can do is try to see that other young men and women never have to join them.

TRIBUTE TO BILL MAULDIN

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, today on Veterans Day, we are reminded of the sacrifices of all those who have served in our Armed Forces. We honor them, we remember them, and we thank them.

Today I would like to talk about a veteran who proudly served in World War II, a veteran who died this past year, and a veteran who has, I think, great meaning for those who served in World War II. He was a soldier who told the stories of World War II through these drawings. That man, of course, is Bill Mauldin. He is remembered for depicting in his cartoons the average World War II soldier, the person who was doing his job, just trying to survive, trying to get home; the average World War II soldier who won the war; the average soldier to whom we all owe so much.

While Bill Mauldin was depicting the soldier of that generation, in a sense he was depicting all those who serve and who have ever served.

Bill Mauldin passed away on January 22 of this year at the age of 81 following a courageous battle against Alzheimer's disease.

World War II veterans felt and continue to feel an attachment to Bill Mauldin because he really seemed to understand what a typical GI was

going through, and his drawings depicted that. Bill Mauldin's work as a military and civilian cartoonist and writer brought a spirited, insightful, and human touch to the issues and people whom he covered. He is perhaps best known for two of the cartoon characters he created, Willie and Joe, whose adventures took them across various battlefields of World War II.

Willie and Joe were both young enlistees on the front lines of combat, very much like Mr. Mauldin himself, a 1940 callup to the Army from the Arizona National Guard who spent a considerable amount of time in the North African and European battle theaters.

Willie and Joe were not the straight-edged soldiers we often find in official wartime publications or Hollywood films. Rather, these two cartoon heroes lived the lives of men defined by the difficult surroundings and tasks at hand during World War II—soldiers resolved to give their all in the few matters they could control and resigned to hope for the best in those which they could not.

I think the late historian Stephen Ambrose said it best in the introduction to a re-issue of Mauldin's widely read post-war cartoon compilation entitled "Up Front." According to Ambrose, Bill Mauldin's cartoons "caught on and live on because in them everything is accurate. . . . Willie and Joe's boots and smelly socks, their baggy, dirty uniforms, their knives, rifles, ammunition, mortars, web belts, canteens, beards, haversacks, helmets (with crease marks or holes), the rations—this is how it was."

Ambrose really got it right. Mauldin's unique ability to capture the young soldier's perspective on day-to-day life during the war in an inclusive and patriotic manner earned his work the distinction of regular publication in numerous military newspapers, including Stars and Stripes and the 45th Division News. His work also won him the respect of fellow soldiers across the globe, one of whom recently described Willie and Joe as "a secret weapon on our side."

Willie and Joe were featured in Mauldin's first post-war compilation of cartoons and essays entitled "Back Home." The success "Back Home" had in bookstores across the country propelled Mauldin to even greater fame, winning him the opportunity to publish several more works and even act in a few motion pictures.

In fact, Mauldin is so well respected that in 1945, at the age of 23, he received a Pulitzer Prize soon after Time magazine featured him on its cover. Following the conclusion of World War II, Mauldin began a career as a political cartoonist for several major U.S. newspapers, including the Chicago Sun-Times and then the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, stirring up high-profile issues along the way. He won a second Pulitzer Prize in 1959 for a cartoon he drew depicting the Soviet Union's harsh treatment of renowned writer and

Nobel Prize winner Boris Pasternak. Bill Mauldin has touched my generation with one of his most famous drawings, a drawing I certainly remember and I know anyone in my generation remembers. It was a drawing from now what has been 40 years ago of a statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial with his face cupped in his hand, weeping, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

I will not forget that image, and I am sure there are many Members of the Senate and across this country who will not forget that, either.

Bill Mauldin was a creative, artistic genius who could capture so much about people and the human condition in the simplicity of his drawings. He could capture in those cartoons what words alone could not. Bill Mauldin had the gift and he used it well. On Veterans Day this year, we should thank Bill Mauldin for that gift and for his service to our Nation, for what he did to represent in drawings the average GI in World War II—and in a sense the average GI throughout our long history as a country—for what he did to communicate to so many the way life was for our troops.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send that same message of thanks on this Veterans Day to all of our current and former service men and women. Whether on the islands of the South Pacific, in the air over France, or on land in France or in Germany, on the beaches of Sicily, the mountains in Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, the deserts of Kuwait, more recently in the caves of Afghanistan or the streets of Baghdad, our service men and women have defended America and they defended our values with great valor. We must never forget that veterans served for us, they served for our children, for our grandchildren, and for future generations not yet born.

Today on this Veterans Day our service men and women continue to serve around the world. We pause again tonight to thank our veterans, thank those who have served in the past, and to remember our service men and women who are serving at this very hour tonight.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERETT "EP" HOWE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this Veterans Day, members of the Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base communities will gather to honor Everett "Ep" Howe for his lifetime of dedicated service. Today I salute the life and work of one of South Dakota's finest patriots.

For nearly 70 years, Ep has dedicated himself to serving his community and his country. He began his career in the public service, joining the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1921, and serving as Park Ranger and U.S. Border Patrol Officer before joining the military in 1944. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1944 to 1948, including

a tour with the 9th Marine Aircraft Wing during World War II.

Discharged as a Marine Sergeant, he returned to Rapid City, his wife, Grace, and a career in construction. To say that, in many ways, Ellsworth Air Force Base is "The House That Ep Built," is no measure of hyperbole. Not only has he donated land and raised money for the base, he actually contributed to the construction of some of its buildings. During his time with both Hacket Construction and Corner, Howe, & Lee Construction, he worked on a number of projects at what is now Ellsworth, including the construction of the original Rapid City Air Force Base, which opened in 1942.

Throughout his life, Ep has been a tremendous supporter and friend of the military. A longtime committee member of the South Dakota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, he has been particularly dedicated to strengthening relationships between civilian and military communities. He has received several awards for his work in the military community, including the Department of Defense "Lifetime Achievement Award" and the South Dakota National Guard Major General Williamson Militia Award.

In addition to supporting the military, he has been a tireless and dedicated servant of his community. He has served on the South Dakota Highway Commission, the Rapid City Area Disaster Foundation, the YMCA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, and the American Legion. He has also been a dedicated member of First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City, the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce, and the local Elks Lodge. Not surprisingly, Ep has received a number of awards for his work in the community as well, including being named "Mr. Rapid City" for his lifelong service as a community leader.

On Veterans Day, a bust of Ep will be unveiled in Building 450 on Ellsworth Air Force Base. It is only fitting that this bust will occupy the building where leaders of the South Dakota National Guard regularly meet. Ep's bust will look down on the proceedings and provide these leaders what he has provided so many South Dakotans over the years; a friendly countenance, moral support, and a model for community leadership. I commend Ep for his lifetime of accomplishment, and offer my deepest gratitude for the work he has done and continues to do.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of James Wolf, a fellow Nebraskan and Specialist in the United States Army. Specialist Wolf was killed on November 6, 2003, in Mosul, Iraq, when a bomb exploded near the convoy he was traveling in. He was 21 years old.