

Specialist Wolf was an engineer assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 52nd Engineer Battalion of the 43rd Area Support Group, based in Fort Carson, CO. He was one of thousands of brave American service men and women serving in Iraq who confront danger everyday. Their tremendous risks and sacrifices must never be taken for granted.

In October, Specialist Wolf spent 2 weeks of leave with his family in his hometown of Scottsbluff, NE. While there, he visited his alma mater, Scottsbluff High School, and thanked students for writing to him in Iraq. Specialist Wolf leaves behind parents, Bob and Chris; brother, David; and sisters, Elli and Rachel. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

In Iraq, Specialist Wolf assisted with the construction of housing and schools for U.S. soldiers and Iraqi citizens. He will be remembered as a dedicated soldier with an optimistic outlook on life.

For his service, bravery, and sacrifice, I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring Specialist Wolf.

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statements were ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

SSG DANIEL BADER

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of SSG Daniel Bader, a member of the Air Defense Artillery Battery, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

SSG Daniel Bader lived in Colorado for most of his life, but he always loved Nebraska. As a child growing up in York he watched his father put on his Reserve uniform for weekend duty. From his father's example, Daniel Bader learned that sacrifice is part of life and serving your country is an honorable way to live life. While in high school, Daniel Bader followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Guard himself and after graduation he went on to active duty. He excelled in the Army, rising to staff sergeant in just 8 years. In addition to being a soldier and a patriot, Staff Sergeant Bader was also a loving husband and father. In these family roles he also served honorably. Daniel Bader will forever serve as an example for all Americans of the kind of life in service one can live.

Staff Sergeant Bader was on his way home for 2 weeks' leave when his helicopter crashed in Fallujah on November 2. He leaves behind his wife Tiffany and a 14-month-old daughter Taryn Makenzie. A devoted family man, Daniel Bader had asked to be buried next to his grandfather at Rose Hill Cemetery in Palmer, NE. I know my fellow Nebraskans and all Americans join me in honoring and remembering Daniel Bader and the sacrifice he made for his family and our Nation.●

SSG CHRISTOPHER W. SWISHER

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor SSG Chris-

topher Swisher, a native of Lincoln, NE and a member of 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Staff Sergeant Swisher's mom once said, "Chris was military from the day he was born. Knowing this keeps me going." As a young boy, Christopher W. Swisher wore camouflage T-shirts and dreamed of joining the military. After graduating from Lincoln Northeast High School, he worked hard to overcome his dyslexia and joined the Army.

Chris Swisher came from a Nebraska family with a proud military background. His older brother Terry served bravely as a Marine in Operation Desert Storm. The brothers played war games as children, both dreaming of the day they could wear the uniform of the United States military.

Staff Sergeant Swisher was killed on October 9, 2003 when his unit was ambushed while on patrol in Baghdad. He was supposed to be home by then, originally scheduled to return on September 29, but like many of our soldiers serving in Iraq, his tour was extended. His family was disappointed but Chris Swisher was doing what he loved to do.

All Nebraskans grieve for the Swisher family and we offer them our thoughts and prayers. The Swisher family can take some comfort in the brave words Chris spoke to his mother before he left for duty in Iraq: "I'm doing what I want to be doing because I'm protecting my family, my home and my country."●

PO3 DAVID J. MORENO

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor PO3 David J. Moreno, a member of the 4th Marine Division Detachment, Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Moreno dreamed of becoming a doctor. The California native lived briefly in Gering, NE and attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln before joining the Navy. It was in the Navy that he discovered his love for medicine. He earned his Emergency Medical Technical License and served the men and women of our Armed Services honorably as a Navy medic.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Moreno died from a non-hostile gunshot wound in Hamishiyah on July 17, 2003. David Moreno died while serving his nation in a job he truly enjoyed. His sacrifice, along with the sacrifices made by his brothers-in-arms in Iraq and elsewhere during the global war on terrorism, serves as a reminder to Nebraskans and all Americans that freedom and liberty do not come easy. The cost of freedom and liberty is measured in sacrifice and David Moreno made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve these ideals for the rest of us. His sacrifice for freedom, liberty and our Nation is remembered today as we send our thoughts and prayers to his family in Nebraska and elsewhere.●

SSG BRETT J. PETRIKEN

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor SSG Brett Petriken of Omaha, NE.

A member of the 501st Military Police Company, Staff Sergeant Petriken served his nation bravely. In times of war, danger lurks at every turn and he knew this to be true, especially in a war zone like Iraq. Staff Sergeant Petriken lost his life when a heavy equipment transporter crossed the median and struck the Humvee he was in on May 26, 2003, in Samawa, Iraq.

Brett Petriken is a shining example of a soldier who put his life on the line to protect those he knew and loved and even those he didn't know and love. His family should think of him and remember what is most important to them, his role in their lives. Americans should think of him and remember that he died in the line of duty upholding the ideals of freedom and liberty and protecting the United States from the new invisible foes that represent a tremendous threat to our nation. As a nation we are grateful to soldiers like Brett Petriken and others like him who make the ultimate sacrifice so that others can live free.●

SP NATHANIEL A. CALDWELL

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Army SP Nathaniel A. Caldwell of Omaha. Specialist Caldwell, a member of the 115th Military Police Company, Army National Guard, was killed when his vehicle rolled over while responding to a civilian call on May 21, 2003 in Baghdad, Iraq.

Specialist Caldwell joined the armed services shortly after September 11 to serve his county. His commitment to protecting America at home and abroad is inspiring to us all. Nebraskans can look to Specialist Caldwell as an example of an American inspired to serve his Nation. He did so bravely. His sacrifice will forever remind the nation of the danger that comes with the duty to protect our Nation's interests and to preserve the flame of liberty for Americans and for all the world's people.

I know I join all Nebraskans in offering our thoughts and prayers for his family in Texas, Oklahoma, and elsewhere.●

CPT TRAVIS A. FORD

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor CPT Travis A. Ford of Ogallala, NE. Captain Ford always gave 100 percent in everything he did. He excelled in high school sports and brought his enthusiasm to the Yell Squad at Husker football games while he attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

As a Marine, he was selfless. A member of the Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267, Marine Aircraft group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, he volunteered to fly extra shifts so that younger Marines could get some sleep in the early days of the war. When his AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopter crashed on April 4, 2003, during combat operations near Baghdad he became the first Nebraskan to give his life in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Captain Ford will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with

his family and friends in Ogallala, but Captain Ford will also be remembered for the shining example of patriotism, dedication and commitment that he set as a brave member of the Marines.●

SPI JAMES WOLF

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of SPI James Wolf, a member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion of the 43rd Area Support Group.

Specialist Wolf stopped in to visit the students at the Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Scottsbluff, NE when he was home on leave just a few short weeks ago. He wanted to thank all the students who had written letters to him while he was in Iraq and he told them how the letters they had written lifted his spirits and how he shared their letters with soldiers around him who did not receive any mail of their own.

He recently returned to Iraq where he was performing valuable work rebuilding schools, homes, and providing safe drinking water. Tragically, he was killed on November 6, 2003 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his truck convoy.

His death was a blow to the Scottsbluff community where he was remembered as a young man with a lot of spunk and someone who wanted to make a difference. He is the son of Bob and Chris Wolf of Scottsbluff. His mother said of him, "He was very proud of what he did. He talked about making it a career, and he had such a sense of purpose. It was awesome just to hear him." James' sister Rachel, a 2003 graduate of Scottsbluff High, informed the school of her brother's death. Kirk Begley, principal at Scottsbluff High, said it was a "sad, sad day when we had to let the staff know." Begley said James Wolf was "just an all around great kid and was adamant about being a soldier."

Specialist First Class Wolf will be missed greatly by his family and friends and the entire Scottsbluff community. He will also be remembered as a soldier whose patriotism inspired his community. I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the Wolf family and I know all Nebraskans join me in remembering and honoring James' contributions to Scottsbluff and his sacrifice on behalf of his country.●

TRIBUTE TO THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the 250 outstanding Vermonters who served in the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. I want to commend the Vermont Ski Museum for recognizing the significant contributions of these exceptional men by inducting them into the Ski Hall of Fame.

As a fellow veteran who grew up in the era of World War II, I remember President Roosevelt's call for volunteers. It came as no surprise that when

the military asked for skiers, trappers, and woodsmen to serve in the 10th Division, many of those who responded to the call of duty were from our own Green Mountain State. For a young boy in Rutland, VT, these men were my heroes.

The 10th Mountain Division distinguished itself in fighting on the island of Kiska in Alaska and in the mountains of Italy. Recently we have been reminded of the effectiveness of these soldiers on skis. At a time when modern weapons and sophisticated technology seemed to overshadow the 10th Division's skills, recent conflicts in Afghanistan and other parts of the world have shown us that much of war boils down to human fortitude and a single man against the elements. Modern warfare has not proven to be more effective than the 10th Mountain Division when it comes to fighting in these extreme elements over rugged terrain. We are coming back to basics, and hopefully military planners will never doubt the necessity of divisions with skills like the 10th as part of our national defense.

After the war, many of the veterans of the 10th Mountain Division came home to leave their mark on the ski industry. Vermont was no exception, and the ski industry has flourished here due in part to the passion these individuals have for skiing. They are indeed members of the Greatest Generation and their selfless contributions are evident throughout our State.

I applaud the Ski Museum for acknowledging your individual sacrifices, your defense of our country and your contributions to skiing. It is a privilege for me to join the many others in honoring each of you. You continue to be my heroes.

THE ARMED FORCES RELIEF TRUST

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an important program that significantly assists our men and women who are fighting abroad.

The war on terrorism is being fought on many fronts and around the world. Today, there are more than 140,000 troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many more around the world.

Many of these troops served in Afghanistan only to be almost immediately redeployed to fight in Iraq. These extended deployments have been trying for those left behind. But they have stepped up and met the challenge. They have answered the Nation's call with enthusiasm and dedication.

In Colorado, the large deployment from Ft. Carson has shown just how difficult it can be for many military families when our troops must be sent abroad. While the military is dedicated to taking care of its own, the current situation abroad means needs of the family will only continue to escalate.

To address this, the four relief agencies representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force recently

combined into one umbrella relief organization in order to better provide assistance.

The National Association of Broadcasters and its 1,000 television station and 6,000 radio station members recently produced and disturbed Public Service Announcements that encourage viewers and listeners to contribute to the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

Broadcasters have a long history of involvement in this country's national security. I commend them for dedicating airtime to this worthwhile cause.

Last year, together, the four relief agencies distributed \$109 million to military families in need. I am confident that by streamlining operations into one entity and with help from local broadcast stations to get the word out, the Armed Forces Relief Trust will be able to assist even more military families.

We are counting on our brave young men and women in the field. They are relying on the Armed Forces Relief Trust, and the trust is counting on local broadcast stations. Local radio and television stations are performing an invaluable public service through this program, and I salute them.

Since today is Veterans Day, I also salute those who have already experienced the hardships of war much like those currently stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. I believe the most important thing we can do for our veterans is say thank you for their service and sacrifice to our country.

NFL MILITARY AWARENESS INITIATIVE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, on this Veterans Day I recognize a military public awareness initiative that Mr. K. S., Bud, Adams, the founder and owner of our NFL Tennessee Titans, played a strong role in instituting this past weekend. Mr. Adams, a U.S. Naval Officer during World War II, and five other National Football League owners who also served in the military during that same time, urged NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue to launch this campaign to help the hundreds of American families of our brave military servicemen and women who have died for our country in the line of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Adams and his fellow NFL owners urged NFL headquarters to initiate an awareness campaign at NFL stadiums and on NFL game telecasts starting Veterans Day Weekend, November 9-11, to help bring attention to the difficult financial situation that our military dependents face in the days and weeks immediately after a serviceman's or woman's death in the Middle East.

The other five NFL owners who served during World War II are Tom Benson, New Orleans Saints; Wellington Mara, New York Giants; Art Modell, Baltimore Ravens; Alex Spanos, San Diego Chargers; and Ralph Wilson, Buffalo Bills.