

men and women leave full-time jobs and their families to serve their country and protect our liberty. I want to very directly say, thank you. They are absolutely critical to the success of our mission in Iraq. Thanks to their bravery, their boldness, their courage—and that is more than 300,000 men and women of the American military in Iraq—we will prevail.

The 101st Airborne continues to make Tennessee and the United States of America proud. In Najaf, the 101st has helped return the city to normalcy by restoring water and electricity and will very soon participate in the delivery of humanitarian aid. They have also captured a senior Iraqi intelligence officer there.

The 101st helped to secure and continues to protect Baghdad International Airport. The first American aircraft landed at the airport yesterday.

In Karbala, the 101st Airborne overwhelmed the enemy. All Iraqi troops either fled or were killed. After cheers and waves from thousands of residents, citizens tore down a 25-foot bronze statue of Saddam Hussein.

Lastly, as quoted in this morning's Washington Post, MG David Petraeus told a rifle company while awarding two Purple Hearts:

There is no greater commitment than that which is made by putting the American infantryman on the ground. You've really walked point for our Nation in this particular battle and this part of the campaign. You've performed brilliantly in countless ambiguous situations.

I close in saying thanks, thanks to those Tennessee citizen soldiers and citizen soldiers from all across the country, the National Guard troops and airmen, and thanks to all of our military personnel in Iraq and their families.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 5 p.m. Under the previous order, the time until 5 p.m. shall be equally divided between the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and the Democratic leader or their designees.

The Senator from Colorado.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise to speak under morning business that we set aside to salute our troops in Iraq. Initially, the plan that was put together by the military leadership was criticized, but today it is heralded as one of the great military strategies put

together and will probably go down in the annals of military strategy. A number of individuals throughout the country are writing comments about our troops in Iraq.

I have an article written by Rick Atkinson, Washington Post Foreign Service, Thursday, April 3, 2003. It reads:

An enthusiastic welcome for U.S. forces in Najaf turned jubilant today, as several thousand Iraqis braved sporadic firefights for what one Special Forces officer described as "the Macy's Day parade," applauding a U.S. patrol that pushed close to a religious shrine at the center of the city.

Four days after encircling Najaf, the 101st Airborne Division tightened the occupation today.

Three infantry battalions rolled through the streets, including neighborhoods around the venerated tomb of Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Muhammad.

Fourteen M1 Abrams tanks clanked up and down the southern boulevards, and another brigade of several thousand troops cinched the cordon on the north, seizing arms caches and swapping fire with elusive gunmen who are now believed to number no more than a few score.

In the midst of the fighting, a U.S. patrol approached Ali's tomb attempting to contact local clerics but were met instead by a crowd. Lt. Col. Chris Hughes, a battalion commander in the 1st Brigade, said, "We waited about an hour and a half, and the hair on the back of my neck began to stand up. The crowd got bigger and bigger, so we pulled back out. But it was like the liberation of Paris."

I state our troops have been mindful of the Iraqi culture during the push north toward Baghdad. Our soldiers have been helping guard a religious shrine in southern Iraq. The temple is called the Temple of Ziggurat and was built 4,000 years ago. Many know the site as the birthplace of Abraham. This is just one example of the way our men and women were respectful of the rich heritage of the Iraqi people and committed to helping them preserve their legacy.

I have a picture of a small Iraqi child giving a thumbs-up to our American soldiers because he recognizes the great job our men and women are doing in Iraq and recognizes the fact it is his freedom we are talking about. They are fighting not only to protect America but to provide an environment where freedom will thrive in a new Iraq.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to continue to talk a bit about the most important item before us, the issue most of us have on our minds, and that is our forces in Iraq, the efforts that are being made there and the reasons for those efforts. Certainly, at this time all of us are thinking about that.

No one has ever said that this fight would be easy. Now that our troops are

in Baghdad, we acknowledge that perhaps the toughest part of the war to disarm Saddam Hussein is likely still ahead of us. But so far Operation Iraqi Freedom certainly has been a tremendous success, and I think all of us share in pride at the actions of our men and women who are there and our leaders who have caused these actions to take place and have managed them. Our Operation Iraqi Freedom has been a tribute to the skills of the men and women in uniform and their leadership.

I spent some time this morning with a group of fourth graders. These youngsters have a pretty good idea of what is going on in Iraq and, to some extent, why we are there. Obviously, they have been talking with their parents. Obviously, they have been watching TV. But I thought it was amazing how much these young kids seemed to understand. I thought that was great.

Certainly our hearts break for every life that is lost and every soul missing on the battlefield. We thank our stars that the losses so far have been relatively light. That, of course, doesn't make it any easier for the families who have suffered the losses.

In less than 3 weeks, our aircraft have seized control of the skies. Our soldiers and marines and special forces control the bulk of the country. In less than 3 weeks, our troops are showering in Saddam's Presidential Palace in the capital city of Baghdad. In the blitz to Baghdad, our troops have taken more than 4,500 Iraqi prisoners. These prisoners are being seen by officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross to ensure they are treated within the guidelines of the Geneva Convention. Saddam has been holding American prisoners for more than 2 weeks and has yet to grant the Red Cross access to them.

Our forces have been treating the wounds of countless innocent Iraqis caught in the crossfire. Our forces delivered relief to Iraqi citizens through its southern cities, removing deadly mines that prevented ships from docking. Our troops are safeguarding their ports and their oil wells for the time being.

I think it is amazing that our military has had such an impact and has yet been able to focus it away from the civilians. Obviously, there are accidents and there are losses but relatively few. That is most difficult in this kind of situation.

Just days ago there were naysayers who said Operation Iraqi Freedom was failing. Now most of the conversation is about what we are going to do after the combat is over. It is very difficult. Imagine what these naysayers might have said on D-Day, Okinawa, Saipan, Chosin, Yorktown, Gettysburg, or a host of other battles in our history and how their commentaries might have influenced America's support in the war.

I sincerely hope—and I believe—that the American people are not as faint-hearted or impatient as some would argue. We are in the 19th day of a war.

That is pretty short. Hopefully, it will be over soon. But those who became very impatient after 5 or 6 days—certainly that was not realistic. I suppose maybe we had the notion from the gulf war that it would not last at all. I think we should be very pleased and very proud at the amount of time it has taken and the progress that has been made.

In a war, as members of our Armed Forces know well, the enemy can react differently than we predict. It is interesting some have talked about the weaknesses of the planning, that it didn't go the way it was planned. Of course it didn't. In a war things never go just the way they were planned. But the plans, obviously, have been good to be so successful. On the battlefield, of course, the enemy has a vote.

Our troops are learning on the go and adapting quickly to the changing battlefields. They are rooting out death squads that blend in with the Iraqi population in the countryside. Our troops are dealing with car bombers who kill themselves in order to harm soldiers. These suicide and homicide attacks, of course, can be indiscriminate and have the potential to kill many innocent Iraqi civilians. It is also a demonstration of how violence has changed over time. I guess things will never be the same after 11 September. Who would have imagined those things could take place. So we have a different kind of combat, even in war.

As our fight against Saddam Hussein's regime unfolds, I urge all Americans to continue to have patience and support of our Commander in Chief. Our victory is certain as is our continuing support for our troops.

This regime is corrupt. Its leaders are morally bankrupt. The savagery his death squads and car bombers are showing is not a tactic but a symptom of a dying regime in the throes of its own demise.

As we focus on the days ahead, continuing to show our firm resolve to remove this tyrant and his regime and to accomplish the goal for which we set out—and that is to disarm Saddam Hussein—I particularly wish to comment for a moment on the contribution of the National Guard in various States.

In my State, the Wyoming National Guard has certainly made a contribution of which we are all very proud. Obviously, the National Guard consists of citizen soldiers and airmen who serve our country with great pride and professionalism.

The first Federal mobilization of a Wyoming Army National Guard unit came in 1898 with the Spanish-American War. Since then, and with the creation of the Wyoming Air Guard after the Second World War, units have served and participated in a variety of different theaters. These include the Korean war, Desert Storm, Bosnia, and now of course Operation Enduring Freedom.

Currently, the Wyoming National Guard has 20 percent of its personnel

activated in vital missions throughout the world. We have the smallest population of any State in the Union, so of course our people are greatly missed—as they are in other places. Our local employers have been supportive of people who have been deployed, and we have had a good deal of deployment for a good long time, in fact. I am very proud of the men and women in my State who have answered the call to service and eagerly joined the ranks of the National Guard. People willing to join have increased in numbers since the war with Iraq has begun.

Not along ago, Brigadier General Dillon, Assistant Adjutant General of the Army, said to soldiers upon deployment:

You are now on the first string and you don't ride the bench for long.

I suspect the National Guard is even more important than it has been in the past. As we get more and more technical in the regular, full-time Army and Marine Corps, when there is a call for numbers, of course, then we have to turn to the Guard and to the Reserve.

We all join in extending our thanks and gratitude to these people and to their families for doing what they are doing and doing it so well; to leave their jobs, to leave their families, to change their lives. This is a source of great pride that my State can consistently produce individuals to meet these challenges. They have done a great job. There is an article in one of our local newspapers that highlights some of these family members. I ask unanimous consent to have that printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Casper Star-Tribune, Apr. 6, 2003]

WYOMINGITES ABOARD U.S.S. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(By the Star-Tribune staff)

Petty Officer Timothy E. Roney, son of Kathy "Kitty" Ulrich of Casper and E2 Barbara Van Horn, daughter of Dennis and Sheryl Van Horn of Rock Springs, are aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln in the Persian Gulf.

Roney enlisted in the Navy eight years ago. This is his second assignment aboard the Abraham Lincoln and he has also served aboard the USS Nassau out of Virginia Beach Va.

He has had five overseas tours aboard ship, with three tours taking him to the Middle East. This journey on the USS Abraham Lincoln started in August 2002 with the Persian Gulf as the destination.

The ship was due back in port by mid-January 2003, but was called to serve again in the Persian Gulf on New Year's Day.

The Lincoln has spent the longest time at sea of any carrier since the Vietnam War.

He enlisted in Seattle and was raised primarily in Tacoma, Wash., where his parents, Kathy Ulrich and Craig Roney, were both active duty Air Force, stationed at McCord Air Force Base, Tacoma.

Roney's wife, Angela; daughter, Shaquanna, 5 and son, Bailey, 2, live in the Seattle area.

In Casper with his mother is his brother, Chris Roney

Van Horn graduated from Sheridan High School in 2002. She is the granddaughter of

Barbara Garhart of Osage and the late Donald Garhart.

SKY SOLDIER

Pfc. Bradley P. Mahrer, son of Rich and Renae Mahrer and brother of Christine Mahrer, all of Casper, is a paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Brigade stationed in Vicenza, Italy. Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne parachuted into northern Iraq under cover of darkness on March 26 to secure the Harir Airfield. This was considered one of the largest and more complex airborne operations in history.

He graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in 2001 and attended the University of Wyoming for one year.

He graduated from basic training in October 2002 and went to airborne training, where he earned his jump wings, all at Fort Benning Ga.

MOVING TOWARD BAGHDAD

Lance Cpl. Kyle Lamb, Weapons Company 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (81's), is now in Iraq, probably moving toward Baghdad, according to his family. He graduated from Cody High School in May 2000 and joined the United States Marine Corps on Sept. 6, 2000. He graduated from boot camp at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Dec. 9, 2000, and was stationed at 29 Palms, Calif.

His wife, Lacy Johnson Lamb, lives in 29 Palms but is currently in Cody with her parents, Leona and Keith Johnson, until his return.

His parents are Thomas and Donna Lamb of Cody and his brother, Anthony, is still at home. His grandfather is Allen R. Hull, also from Cody. He has a large extended family that loves him very much and is praying for his safe return.

TO QATAR

Airman 1st Class Brandon Sims was deployed March 2 from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C., to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

He is with the 379 Equipment Maintenance Expeditionary Group, where he is a munitions systems specialist.

He graduated from Torrington High School in 1998 and joined the Air Force in April 2002. He is the son of David and Melinda Sims of Torrington.

MUSTANG MARINE

Pfc. Shane Stuhlmiller, son of Mark and Marcia Stuhlmiller of Casper, is with the 2nd Marine Division, 6th Marines in Iraq. His permanent duty station is Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He graduated from Natrona County High School in May 2002.

SERVICE SUPPORT

Pfc. Abraham Henneman was deployed to Iraq from Camp Pendleton, Calif., with the 1st Force Service Support Group, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, the support group for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

He is the son of Dave and Kristy Henneman of Casper.

He graduated from Campbell County High School in Gillette in 2000.

7TH MARINES

Cpl. R.J. Matthews, RCT 7, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines H&S MT was deployed to Kuwait from 29 Palms, Calif., in January. He graduated from Torrington High School with the class of 1998 and entered the Marines under a delayed entrance program.

He married his classmate, Candice Lira Matthews, who is currently living in 29 Palms. His father, James Matthews and grandparents, Harold Matthews, Jean Clutter and Dean Clutter, all reside in Torrington.

MILITARY POLICE

Lance Cpl. Christal A. Powell, daughter of Catherine Holton of Casper and the mother

of Cody Hall, also of Casper, serves in the Provost Marshal's Office, Military Police, Headquarters Service Battalion, Bravo Company, Okinawa, Japan.

She is a 1992 graduate of Natrona County High School and a graduate of Casper College with a degree in criminal justice.

1ST SUPPLY BATTALION

Lance Cpl. Rosanna J. Potter, daughter of Alan and Mona Potter and sister of Amanda and John Potter of Casper, is part of the 1st FSSG, 1st Supply Battalion/Ammo Company. She was deployed to Kuwait in January and is currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

She joined the Marines during her senior year at Natrona County High School. After graduation in June 2000, she left for basic training at Parris Island, S.C., where she graduated from a 12-week course. She then attended an MOS school at Red Stone Arsenal in Red Stone, Ala. From there, she was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

3RD INFANTRY

Spc. Thomas C. McMartin is a diesel mechanic with the 559 Quartermaster Battalion, 202nd 3rd Infantry Division. He was deployed from Hunter Haas Air Force Base in Savannah, Ga., to Kuwait on March 30, 2003.

He is a 2000 graduate of Hot Springs County High School in Thermopolis.

His wife is Sara M. Cavalli McMartin, also from Thermopolis.

His father and stepmother are Eugene and Ellie McMartin of Thermopolis.

His mother and stepfather are Gloria and Scott Adams of Mountain View.

His grandparents are Lillian McMartin of Rock Springs and Calvin Bluemel of Mountain View. His maternal grandmother and paternal grandfather are deceased. He has five brothers and sisters, all living in Wyoming.

GOLDEN DRAGON

John Swanson, son of Mike and Cindy Swanson of Casper, is an aviation structural mechanic in the U.S. Navy who works on F/A-18C Hornets. He is an integral member of Strike Fighter Squadron 192, the world famous Golden Dragons.

He is currently aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf.

He has been in the U.S. Navy since September 1998. He has been stationed at the Naval Air Warfare Center weapons division in California and is currently stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, the operating port for the USS Kitty Hawk.

He graduated from Natrona County High School and Casper College, where he received an associate's degree in auto mechanics.

His family is very proud of him.

CAVALRY SCOUT

Pfc. Anthony "Tony" J. Krasovich was deployed from Fort Stewart, Ga., in January with the rest of the 3rd Division to Kuwait. He is a scout with C Troop 3-7 Cavalry leading the way. He is all Wyoming, according to his dad. His current hometown is Cheyenne but he was born in Cody, graduated from Wright Junior/Senior High School in 1997 and Laramie County community College in 2001. He is the son of Jim and Marita Krasovich of Cheyenne.

TO SOUTH KOREA

Master Sgt. David W. Jones, United States Air Force 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. He will be deployed to Osan Air Base, South Korea, in June on an HH-60G rescue helicopters.

He graduated from Glenrock High School in 1981 and entered the Air Force 1986. Prior to his assignment to New Mexico, he served at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan;

Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Osan Air Base and Royal Air Force, Mildenhall, England.

His mother and stepfather, am and Butch AuFrance, live in Casper. His brother, Brad Jones and his family live in Glenrock. His wife, Crystal, and four children will remain at home in Albuquerque while he is in South Korea for one year.

GREEN RIVER MARINE

Lance Cpl. Davy J. Francis, son of David and Theresa Francis of Green River, has been deployed from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to Iraq. He graduated from Green River High School in 2001.

His grandparents are Betty Turley of Sheridan and the late Malcolm L. Turley and Harriet Francis of Buffalo and the late John Francis.

ARMY CAPTAIN

Capt. Brian Westerfield, son of Ruth and Bill Westerfield of Cheyenne, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, a part of the V Army Corps in Germany. His unit is currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a past commander of the ROTC Indian Battalion at Cheyenne Central High School and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the University of Wyoming.

He earned his jump wings at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1995.

He is married to Chandra (Hehr) Westerfield, formerly from Green River.

He is the grandson of Loraine Westerfield and Russ and Emma Donnelly of Encampment.

USS CONSTELLATION

AE3 Jeffrey Campbell, son of Jim and Mary Campbell of Casper, is assigned to VAW-116, a squadron of E2 Hawkeyes, airborne early warning aircraft. The squadron is part of Carrier Airwing 2, which is now deployed on the aircraft carrier USS Constellation.

They have been in the Persian Gulf for five months and are part of the coalition forces participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is Campbell's second deployment to the Persian Gulf with the Constellation Battle Group.

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1999 and gets e-mail from a couple of his favorite teachers there, Susan Griffith and Danev Tanner. He says that he's the only one who gets e-mail from his high school teachers and it makes him feel great.

He joined the Navy in May 2000. After boot camp, he was stationed at Pensacola, Fla., where he went to school to become an aviation electrician.

His brother, Jim, and grandparents, Jim and Verna Campbell, also lives in Casper.

IN IRAQ

Pfc. Michael T. Jones of Casper is a member of the 1st Division, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, Weapons Company in 29 Palms, Calif. He deployed from 29 Palms in late January.

He graduated from basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, in August 2002. After graduation, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton for advanced weapons and infantry training, 81 mm mortars and urban assault.

He is a Casper native and graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in 2002. His father and stepmother are Mike and Geri Jones of Casper. His siblings are Jacquelyn Jones of Omaha, his stepbrother, Jason Best and step-sister, Keri Wilhelm of Casper. His grandparents are Dewey and Ellen Gerdome and Max and Jean Jones, all of Casper.

Mr. THOMAS. All of us continue to support our troops; we continue to pray for our troops and their families and their losses. We know we will succeed and that we succeed because of the

bravery and willingness of our Armed Forces. I hope, too, that we will remember there is a relationship between "the land of the free" and "the home of the brave," and that is being demonstrated at this time.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

TRIBUTE TO DR. ARTHUR GUYTON

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, our State of Mississippi lost one of its finest citizens when Dr. Arthur Guyton was killed in an automobile accident on Thursday, April 3. He was a pre-eminent cardiovascular physiologist whose "Textbook of Medical Physiology" is the best known and most widely used medical school textbook in the world.

His research on hypertension and heart function was performed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson and is the basis for the level of mankind's knowledge of these subjects today. He was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the Harvard Medical School.

He published his textbook in 1956, which was largely a compilation of the lecture notes he used when he was teaching physiology in the early 1950s at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

He and his wife Ruth are the parents of 10 children who are all physicians and engaged in the practice of medicine. Some are working at such leading medical centers as Duke and Johns Hopkins. Dr. Guyton's father was also a medical doctor who practiced in Oxford, MS, and was dean of the Ole Miss Medical School. No family in America is more prominent in the field of medicine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with this distinguished family. We extend to them our sincerest condolences and the thanks of a grateful nation for their continuing contributions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the article published in the Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson MS, on April 4 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WORLD-RENOWNED MISS. DOCTOR KILLED IN CAR CRASH

(By Thyrie Bland)

Dr. Arthur C. Guyton, a world-renowned physiologist and author of the most widely used textbook on physiology, was killed Thursday in a two-vehicle accident in Pochontas, officials said.

Guyton's wife, Ruth, who was driving, was in critical condition Thursday night at the