

spoke from personal experience about the need to relieve unnecessary burdens on our Nation's small businesses.

Personally, I have come to know Senator NICKLES well from our joint service on the Budget and Finance Committees. Although we were often on the opposite side of policy debates, he was always a straight-shooter, a gentleman, and a pleasure to work with. In areas where we disagreed, he was a formidable and articulate advocate for his position. In areas where we agreed, he was a powerful and determined ally. I am proud to say that, despite this era of too much partisan division, I consider Senator NICKLES a good friend. His ability to maintain a civil and respectful tone and demeanor in even the toughest policy disputes has exemplified the finest traditions of the Senate.

In his role as Budget Chairman, I am particularly grateful for the graciousness and respect with which he treated me and my staff. His efforts to strengthen the Budget Committee and the budget process will be an important part of his legacy in this body.

I have been honored to serve with Senator DON NICKLES. I join my colleagues in wishing the Senator and his family all the best in the future and in paying tribute to his tremendous contributions to the Senate and our Nation. We will miss him.

SENATOR PETER FITZGERALD

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I want to pay tribute to Senator PETER FITZGERALD as he prepares to leave the United States Senate.

For the past 6 years, Senator FITZGERALD has done important work as a member of the Agriculture Committee, on which we had the pleasure of serving together. Senator FITZGERALD supported the creation of a commission to investigate changes to the Federal

farm payment system. We share the belief that small, family-owned farms should receive adequate assistance from the Federal Government, and the creation of this commission has helped to ensure this goal.

I am also grateful for the support that Senator FITZGERALD has shown for legislation I have introduced related to the tax treatment of leasehold improvements. He and I understand the need to modernize business infrastructure by shortening the cost recovery period for changes that commercial landlords make in space rented to tenants. By reducing the cost recovery period, the expense of making these improvements would fall more into line with the economics of commercial lease transactions, and more building owners would be able to adapt their buildings to fit the needs of today's business tenants. I thank Senator FITZGERALD for his strong support of this important initiative.

Senator FITZGERALD also recognizes the importance of improving the overall health of Americans, and has shown this through the introduction of his Healthy Lifestyles Act. Encouraging physical activity is an essential component in the fight against obesity, and is an important tool in preventative health care. I commend Senator FITZGERALD for his work in this area.

More generally, Senator FITZGERALD has proven himself to be a dedicated public servant who has served the State of Illinois and the country with honor. Today, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to Senator FITZGERALD and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO OHIO VETERANS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on May 29, 2004—coinciding with the dedication

of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC—World War II veterans, their families, and their friends gathered at the Don Gentile American Legion Post 532 in Columbus, OH to honor their comrades who fought bravely in World War II.

Fifty veterans attended the service where they were honored by a crowd of more than 500. Guest speakers included Columbus Dispatch columnist Mike Hardin, Post 532 commander Ray Papp, and Isabella Gentile Beitman, the Post namesake's widow. Memorabilia was displayed throughout Post 532, area ROTC units paraded, and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra provided the music. Following the memorial garden dedication, military planes conducted a fly-by. Additionally, each veteran received a framed certificate with the Memorial picture and an angel pin, signifying how our veterans are truly guardian angels.

The Post 532 members' hard work made this service possible, and I would like to personally thank auxiliary secretary, Gladys Caudill, who registered more than 300 World War II veterans for their inclusion in the National Registry. These efforts and the dedication ceremony are fitting reminders of the sacrifices these brave men and women made for our freedom—sacrifices that have shaped all of our lives, our children's lives, and the lives of our grandchildren. I thank them for all they have done for us so that we may continue to enjoy Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—all because of their efforts some 60 years ago.

I would like to honor the members of Post 532 by printing their names in the RECORD. They selflessly fought for our Nation in World War II, I remember them and honor them at this time.

Members of Post 532	Branch	Hometown
Acocella, Guydon	Navy	Columbus, OH
Albrecht, Richard	Navy	Columbus, OH
Arrasmith, James	Navy	Columbus, OH
Bailey, Carl	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Barker, Robert	Army	Fairmont, WV
Barloe, Oral Jr.	Air Force	Logan, WV
Bauer, Chester	Air Force	Albert, TX
Bauman, Ray	Army	Lancaster, OH
Beitman, Jesse	Air Force	Baltimore, MD
Berg, Omer	Navy	Columbus, OH
Boggs, John	Navy	Hilliard, OH
Bricker, Paul	Navy	Uhrichsville, OH
Brown, Harry	Army	Barnesville, OH
Bryant, Jack	Army	Columbus, OH
Buhacevich, Milton	Navy	Columbus, OH
Burchfield, Leo	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Callarik, George	Army	Bridgeport, OH
Callif, George	Marines	Columbus, OH
Carpenter, Elmer Ellworth	Army	Hopewell, KY
Carter, Clyde	Navy	Columbus, OH
Cavanaugh, Thomas	Navy	Columbus, OH
Chase, Thomas	Army	Columbus, OH
Compton, Edward	Navy	Columbus, OH
Connor, Phillip	Navy	Logan, OH
Cox, Raymond	Army	Wash. Ct. House, OH
Cramer, Charles	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Crites, Robert	Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Curtiss, Richard (deceased)	Navy	Columbus, OH
Davis, Delbert (Nick)	Navy	Thurman, OH
DelCeillo, Vito	Army	Columbus, OH
Delia, Joseph	Marines	New York, NY
Diebold, Robert	Marines	Newark, OH
Dillon, Howard	Navy	Columbus, OH
Donnelly, William Jr.	Army	Junction City, OH
Douglas, Russell	Army	New Lexington, OH
Driscoll, Ray	Navy	Columbus, OH
Dymek, Joseph	Army	Columbus, OH
Edwards, Harold	Navy	Columbus, OH
Eilerman, Cletus	Navy	Sidney, OH
Eiselstein, Jack	Army	Columbus, OH

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Emrick, Frank	Army	New Straitsville, OH
Estep, James	Army	Huntington, WV
Evans, Robert	Navy	Columbus, OH
Fickle, Glenn (deceased)	Army	Columbus, OH
Fisher, William	Army	Columbus, OH
Fitzpatrick, T. J.	Army	W. Prestonburg, KY
Flichia, Gus	Navy	Columbus, OH
Foresman, Earl	Army	Columbus, OH
Francis, Joseph	Army	Logan, OH
Frazee, Jack	Army	Dayton, OH
Fultz, Russell	Army	Columbus, OH
Gallagher, Paul	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Ganczak, Richard	Air Force	Buffalo, NY
Geiszler, George	Navy	Columbus, OH
Gibson, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Gill, Merrill	Army	Columbus, OH
Goldhardt, William	Navy	Grove City, OH
Graves, Victor	Army	Columbus, OH
Gray, Richard	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Green, Clyde	Navy	Madison, OH
Greer, James	Army	Columbus, OH
Griffiths, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Griggs, Benjamin Sr.	U.S. Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Grinstead, Roy	Army	Columbus, OH
Hankison, Franklin (Hank)	Navy	Columbus, OH
Hatzer, Sheldon	Army	Columbus, OH
Haycock, Joseph	Marines	Columbus, OH
Heise, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Hemmer, Paul	Air Force	Indianapolis, IN
Herderick, George	Army	Columbus, OH
Hinzy, Charles	Navy	Detroit, MI
Hirn, Joseph	Navy	Columbus, OH
Hoenie, Arthur (deceased)	Army	Columbus, OH
Hopwood, Harry	Navy	Columbus, OH
Immel, Phillip Jr.	Navy	Columbus, OH
Johnson, Richard	Army	Columbus, OH
Johnson, William	Navy	Columbus, OH
Johnston, Raymond	Navy	Columbus, OH
Jones, Charles (Chuck)	Navy	Columbus, OH
Justice, Oscar	Army	Pikeville, KY
Kazee, Henry	Army	Ashland, KY
Keckley, Harry	Army	Utica, OH
Keller, Kenneth	Marines	Jackson, OH
Kelley, Edward	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Kelly, Kenel	Army	Columbus, OH
Kent, Willard	Army	Ethel, WV
Kerber, John	Navy	Columbus, OH
Kerchmar, Carl	Navy	Elyria, OH
Kincade, Howard	Army	Columbus, OH
Kinney, Otis Jr.	Army	Columbus, OH
Kirby, James	Navy	Columbus, OH
Kline, Francis	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Knapp, Donald	Army	Obetz, OH
Knight, Lake (Shorty)	Army	Columbus, OH
Krebs, Henry	Navy	Columbus, OH
Krizinski, Roman	Air Force	Dowagiac, MI
Kueterman, Harold	Air Force	Versailles, OH
Landes, Leo Jr.	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Large, Thomas Sr.	Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Larue, Leah Fox	WAC	Boise, Idaho
Lash, Homer	Navy	NW Canton, OH
Lavinger, Joe	Navy	Bethlehem, PA
Lawler, Joseph	Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Lease, Harry Jr.	Army	Belfontaine, OH
Lehman, Robert	Army	Mansfield, OH
Lewis, James	Navy	Columbus, OH
Lowther, Robert Jr.	Navy	Columbus, OH
Luke, Arthur	Navy	Pittsburgh, PA
Lusk, Mike	Air Force	Cambridge, OH
Lyons, Joseph	Army	Columbus, OH
Madden, Robert	Navy	Chillicothe, OH
Markham, Howard	Army	Columbus, OH
Marmon, Boyd	Army	Columbus, OH
Martin, Ralph	Marines	Columbus, OH
Maue, Joseph	Army	Dayton, OH
McGrail, John Jr.	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Mertens, John	Navy	Columbus, OH
Michalczuk, Daniel	Navy	Columbus, OH
Milburn, Keith	Navy	Anderson, IN
Miller, Carl	Navy	Columbus, OH
Miller, Eugene	Army	Bee, VA
Miller, George	Air Force	Martins Ferry, OH
Miller, Robert Lee	Navy	Canal Winchester, OH
Minnix, Robert	Navy	Columbus, OH
Montoney, Jack Sr.	Navy	Columbus, OH
Moore, Charles	Air Force	Delaware, OH
Morse, Harold (Hal)	Army	Columbus, OH
Murphy, Donald	Navy	Columbus, OH
Murphy, John	Navy	Clifton, NJ
Murphy, Lon	Army	Glen Alum, WV
Nelson, Thearl	Air Force	Omar, WV
Nolan, Westland	Navy	Columbus, OH
Notturiano, Darwin	Navy	Columbus, OH
Notturiano, Rudy	Army	Columbus, OH
OBryan, John	Navy	Louisville, KY
Ocker, Reed	Navy	Scranton, Iowa
Parr, Robert	Army	Mansfield, OH
Parsley, Wilson	Army	Crum, WV
Penwell, Harvey Jr.	Navy	Springfield, OH
Perry, Chester	Merchant Marines	Columbus, OH
Phillips, Robert (Bob)	Air Force	Ironton, OH
Powers, William Jr.	Air Force	London, OH
Quivey, Charles	Merchant Marines	Middleport, OH
Rains, Charles Sr.	Army	Columbus, OH
Randolph, John	Navy	Crooksville, OH
Rice, Lou	Navy	Columbus, OH
Roberts, Bernard	Air Force	Jeanette, PA
Roberts, Raymond Lee Sr.	Navy	Columbus, OH
Sanfillipo, Joseph Jr.	Navy	Columbus, OH
Sarto, William	Army	Lore City, OH
Schellhaas, Edwin	Army	Grove City, OH
Schnitzer, Frederick	Navy	Mount Vernon, OH

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Schreck, Margaret	Army	Hilliard, OH
Schreck, Victor	Army	Marienthal, KS
Scott, Ivan	Navy	Columbus, OH
Shank, Stephen	Navy	Glendale, PA
Sharpe, Gerald	Army	Columbus, OH
Shea, John	Navy	Columbus, OH
Shirley, Frank	Army	leager, WV
Siniff, R. Edward	Army	Columbus, OH
Sipe, William Jr. (Bill)	Army	Columbus, OH
Smith, Clyde	Navy	Columbus, OH
Smith, Harold	Army	Columbus, OH
Smith, Lawrence	Army	Columbus, OH
Snedegar, Garland	Army	Dayton, OH
Sottovia, Virginia	WAC, Army	Manchester, OH
Souders, Albert	Army	Columbus, OH
Stafford, Victor	Army	Columbus, OH
Stange, Robert	Army	Grove City, OH
Stauch, Donald	Army	Columbus, OH
Steiner, John	Army	Bellaire, OH
Stephenson, Charles	Navy	Ironton, OH
Stewart, Richard	Air Force	Wellston, OH
Susi, Arthur Sr.	Marines	Columbus, OH
Swain, Lindsay	Navy	Columbus, OH
Taylor, Archie	Navy	Loudenville, OH
Taylor, Robert	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Terman, Robert	Navy	Columbus, OH
Thomas, Donald	Army	Cheshire, OH
Thomas, Earnest	Army	Columbus, OH
Thompson, John (Wiltshire)	Navy	Columbus, OH
Tonti, Edward	Army	Columbus, OH
Townsend, Delbert	Army	Columbus, OH
Tracy, Martin	Navy & Marines	Columbus, OH
Triffin, Manuel	Army	Columbus, OH
Tuttle, Harold	Army	Columbus, OH
Underdown, Guy	Army	St. Clairsville, OH
Vagnier, John	Air Force	Lancaster, OH
Verne, Stephen	Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Vawters, Howard	Navy	Columbus, OH
Wade, Kenneth	Army	Galloway, OH
Walker, John	Air Force	Gallia, OH
Walls, Howard	Army	Pittsburgh, PA
Walters, Howell	Army	Columbus, OH
Warren, Charles	Army	Athens, OH
Weaver, Fred	Army	Columbus, OH
Wells, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Wihl, Lewis	Navy	Columbus, OH
Wiley, Paul	Army	Columbus, OH
Williams, Charles	Army	Columbus, OH
Willis, Richard Sr.	Coast Guard	Columbus, OH
Woehrl, John	Navy	Columbus, OH
Wolfe, John	Navy	New Lexington, OH
Yates, Tony	Air Force	Pittsburgh, PA
Yoder, Leroy	Coast Guard	Marion, OH
Non-members or Deceased:		
Acocella, Pat	Army	Columbus, OH
Amspoker, Richard Leo	Army	Columbus, OH
Anderson, Howard	Army	Waverly, OH
Ballengee, Sherman Sr.	Marines	Reed, WV
Bartoe, Robert	Army	Logan, WV
Bennett, Paul	Army	West Jefferson, OH
Beougher, Howard	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Bonham, Gerald	Marines	Galloway, OH
Bowling, Richard	Army	Memphis, TN
Bowling, Walter Carl	Navy	Columbus, OH KIA
Brogan, Bernie	Army	Rainelle, WV
Brooks, Walter	Navy	Columbus, OH MIA
Brown, Paul	Army	Huntington, WV
Carter, Dave	Army	London, OH
Clark, Duane	Marines	Columbus, OH
Clifford, Charlie	Army	Columbus, OH
Clifford, Jack	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Cole, Howard Alton	Navy	Preston, MD KIA
Cole, Kenneth Hynson	Army	Preston, MD
Cole, Leonard Francis	Army	Preston, MD
Corbett, Joseph	Army	Crooksville, OH
Cosgrove, James	Navy	Columbus, OH
Cosgrove, John	Army	Columbus, OH
Cosgrove, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Crown, Sam	Navy	Columbus, OH MIA
Capuano, Patsy	Army	Columbus, OH
Daum, Ray	Army	Columbus, OH
DeWeese, Albert	Army	Ripley, WV
Divney, Don	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Divney, James	Army	Marion, OH
Divney, Raymond	Army	Columbus, OH
Domrose, Richard Wm	Air Force	Oak Harbor, OH
Domrose, Ramone George	Army	Oak Harbor, OH
Edwards, Harold	Coast Guard	Oak Hill, OH
Estep, Walter	Army	Delaware, OH
Farrand, Larry	Navy	Columbus, OH
Flick, Stanley	Navy	Wooster, OH
Follmer, Edward	Army	Columbus, OH
Gentile, Dominic (Don)	Air Force	Piqua, OH
Get z, George Jr.	Army	Columbus, OH
Goldhardt, Richard	Army	Georgesville, OH
Griggs, Mary (Buckler)	Auxiliary	Columbus, OH
Griggs, Dorel Dobbins	Navy	Columbus, OH
Griggs, John Robert	Marines	Columbus, OH
Griggs, Stanley Evans	Mer.Mar./Army	Columbus, OH
Griggs, Jack	Army	Columbus, OH
Griggs, Charles Ernest	Navy	Columbus, OH
Hammock, Wilbur	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Hammond, Clarence	Navy	Ironton, OH
Hammond, Lawrence	Army	Ironton, OH
Hartley, Paul	Army	Stoutsville, OH
Haverfield, Frank	Army	Evanston, IL
Horton, Richard	Navy	Columbus, OH
Ingles, Goble	Army	McDermott, OH
Jamison, Robert	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Jubeck, Jack	Air Force	Pittsburgh, PA
Knisley, Earl	Army	Columbus, OH
Knisley, Hal Richard	Army	Columbus, OH

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Knisley, Jesse	Army	Columbus, OH
Lester, Quinten	Army	Kentucky
Mace, Jacob Andrew	Navy	West Virginia
McCleese, Daniel Scott	Air Force	Columbus, OH
McLane, Paul	Navy	Elmira, NY
Monroe, George	Army	Columbus, OH
Morse, Fred	Army	Columbus, OH
Moore, Keith	Navy	Columbus, OH
Norton, Naldo	Navy	Columbus, OH
Oestreicher, Frank	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Overturf, James	Army	Columbus, OH
Papp, Frank Jr.	Army	Columbus, OH
Papp, John	Army	Columbus, OH
Papp, Joseph	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Pearce, Charles	Army	Radcliff, OH
Perry, John Wm.	Marines	Fredricktown, MO
Ponthier, Ory	Air Force	Bossier City, LA
Pritchard, Joe	Army	Westerville, OH
Rankin, William	Navy	Columbus, OH
Rinehart, Robert	Army	Columbus, OH
Roush, George	Army	Mason City, WV
Russo, Lawrence	Navy	Columbus, OH
Salmons, Anderson	Army	Hamden, OH
Sanders, Ralph	Army	Plain City, OH
Shea, James	Army	Columbus, OH
Sisson, Kenneth	Navy	Columbus, OH
Smith, Sherwood	Army	Rome, NY
Snider, Fred	Army	Columbus, OH
Sottovia, William	Air Force	Brockport, PA
Stein (Gregory)	Army Nurse	West Pittston, PA
Stratton, Jack Harry, Jr.	Navy	Raymond, OH
Sullivan, John	Navy	Elmira, NY
Tarquino, Anthony	Air Force	Columbus, OH
Taylor, Virgil	Army	Columbus, OH
Walls, Henry	Navy	Columbus, OH
Wharton, Paul	Navy	Columbus, OH
Wherry, Eugene	USN/MC	Mauch Chunk, PA
Williams, Paul	Navy	Columbus, OH
Zervis, Roy	Navy	Hamden, OH

Those in attendance at the WWII celebration day not listed above: Bennett, Paul; Dawson, Donald; Griggs, Carl; Landman, William; Pennell, George (Duke); Puchovich, Jordan; Stevens, Harold; Watson, Leland.

VETERANS' DAY

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute and recognize our Nation's veterans. Too often, the sacrifices of our Nation's brave men and women of the Armed Forces go unnoticed and underappreciated. I wish to take a moment now to share a recent experience I had with some of New Jersey's Vietnam Veterans.

On November 11, 2004, I was honored to participate in a Veterans' Day Ceremony hosted by the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey. At this ceremony, I was touched by the words of Major Frank M. McDonough, Esq., a retired member of the United States Marine Corps. Major McDonough has written a moving piece about what it means to be a veteran.

Mr. President, in honor of the sacrifice of our Nation's veterans, I ask unanimous consent that Major McDonough's written statement be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2004

(By Frank M. McDonough, Esq. Major, United States Marine Corps, Ret.)

The Marine CH-46 helicopter swept high and wide over the clouds of smoke, shrapnel, and exploding shells.

Mayhem spewed from the burning ammunition dump. It had been struck the night before by a rocket launched by some of the 40,000 enemy troops surrounding the miserably exposed plateau encampment.

As the Crew Chief shouted debarkation instructions over the din of the rotors, the Marines craned around in their canvas benches to see the mile-long, half-mile wide combat base below, through the glassless chopper windows. For most it would be their first combat experience. For the 26-year-old Lieutenant this was neither his first nor his last trip "in-country," but it would be the longest 77 days of his life.

Suddenly the helicopter dropped like a stone toward the airstrip and the Crew Chief was screaming, "Get out! Get out!" as the Marines grabbed packs and seabags and rushed to the lowered ramp in the rear of the rapidly descending bird.

They tumbled out, ass over teakeatle, several feet in the air, as the aircraft started to roll and rise, never actually having touched the ground.

As instructed, the passengers rushed to the waiting drainage ditch at the edge of the metallic runway. Mortars and rockets struck all around; and the din was so great that they never heard the safe departure of the big dirty green bird that had just deposited them in the middle of no man's land.

Nor did they care; for this was run for life.

The Lieutenant streaked across the landing strip as fast as his legs would move, carrying the 80 pound seabag behind him a protection against the flying shards of aluminum runway matting mixed with shrapnel, dirt and other debris . . . but ready to abandon if necessary.

The dense clouds of smoke and loud clanging sounds which deadened his ears and shrouded his movement could not protect him from the flying death around him.

But in seconds he was in the trench, on his face, in the dusty red clay that he would live in, bathe in, eat in, sleep in, and wear for many weeks to come.

The crump, crump, crump of the deadly explosives slowly subsided with the disappearance of the chopper behind the hills.

Soon, there was absolute silence.

Navy Medical Corpsmen from Charlie Med, the makeshift hospital across the road . . . conveniently located next to the equally makeshift mortuary . . . started working their way along the trench . . . backs and shoulders bent . . . bodies crouched to avoid

enemy snipers . . . making sure that every-one was okay.

The Lieutenant checked his moving parts. They seemed to be all there. Even his seabag made it unscathed. Then he looked up for the first time since hitting the ground at Khe Sahn.

Directly in front of him was a large sign. In scarlet and gold . . . the Marine Corps' colors . . . a sign which pointed him to his destination.

"1st Battalion, 13th Marines, Turn Right and Run like Hell."

It was combat humor at its best.

According to military records, since 1775, 2 million men and women have given their lives for our country; men and women of all colors, religions, and beliefs. They wore many uniforms over the decades: some blue, some red, some gray . . . some green, white, khaki; and some of the various colors of camouflage.

Some had no uniforms but fought anyway; and some performed their service behind the enemy's lines in the clothing of the day, hopeful that they would be protected by their anonymity.

Some were farmers; some city kids. Some had never seen a pair of boots before they joined; others like me signed up with long hair, motorcycle boots and way too much attitude.

They were young, old, married and single. They were poor; and they were rich. Most were free; some were freed slaves. Some were paid to serve in the place of others. Some volunteered and some were conscripts.

Shanghaied, they would tell you.

There were summer soldiers who left in fall to harvest their crops. Others served for a fixed number of years; and there were many who served their entire lives. There were too many whose entire lives were not very entire.

When they were in, they spent much of their time complaining; but when they got out they spend much of their time bragging . . . about where they went and who they went with . . . although not very often about what they did.

In fact, in the Marine Corps we used to say that a Marine wasn't happy unless he was bitching; and most couldn't wait until they