

in 30 seconds, we've got a minute 30 to go—McCaffrey, don't do all the talking, let Meigs in on this for awhile.

And they were thoroughly professional, and it was not only a joy for me to work with them side by side, but it was a great service to this country to have their expertise and their candor and their truth-telling, as the war went on in the early stages, and then after that.

Now it is sometimes an adjustment. During Operation Desert Storm, I was joined at the desk at NBC, night after night, hour after hour, by one of your great, great figures, the late Colonel Harry Summers, who was a real expert on infantry tactics, a plainspoken man, who kept his military bearing even in a television studio. But about the fifth night of the war, at about three o'clock in the morning, we were kind of operating on fumes at this point, and I refuse on those occasions to have a conventional meal; I said just keep sending out plates of fresh food of some kind, that will keep me going; I don't want to get bogged down with dinner; I've got too many other things to worry about.

And finally about the 18th little dish of chopped fruit arrived on my desk, and I couldn't even bear to look at it, and I finally slid it across to Harry Summers. He looked down at it for a long moment and he said, "I don't know what's happened to me. First I let them put hairspray and makeup on me—now I'm eating fresh fruit." But we found a way to get along.

Let me just take a little bit of your time, if I can, to offer some adjurations on the profession that brings you here tonight and our collective place in this society. A few months ago, at a conference of billionaires, moguls, titans, movers and shakers, Monty Meigs arranged for a panel of U.S. Army battalion commanders from Iraq and Afghanistan to present their view of what is happening in their sectors.

It was a dazzling performance by these best and brightest lieutenant colonels. They were energetic, they were articulate, funny, and fully at ease in a roomful of folks who represented a slightly higher pay grade than they did.

They complained, mildly, that their good works and accomplishments had not received enough press attention, and then they engaged in a friendly but pointed exchange with three of us who represented the media at that conference.

Their performance and their bearing represented what I have been encountering for some time in my dealings with the American military in distant battlefields and military bases in this country, away from the constraints of the Pentagon.

The other guests, who represented enormous financial, industrial, social and political strength and power in America, were bedazzled to the point of full immersion infatuation. They rushed to the stage to express their enthusiasm for what they had just heard. They turned to me, and to Tom Friedman of *The New York Times* and Donald Graham, the publisher of *The Washington Post*, demanding to know why they had not heard these stories before, why they had not read of the brilliance and the character of line officers in the field.

That night at dinner these four lieutenant colonels were rock stars among groupies, as everyone from Bill Gates at Microsoft and Warren Buffet and Phil Knight of Nike gathered around to continue their adulation, to suggest lecture tours across America, to participate in corporate motivation sessions and to commiserate with them as well about the absence of press coverage.

I was at once amused and determined to use this as an opening to address what I be-

lieve is a growing problem in American life. The next day it turns out that I was the guest, the sole interview before the same collection of powerful elites. And I took that opportunity to remind the audience that what they heard the day before, had been, in fact, widely reported, often at great risk—day in and day out—for three years on all the print and electronic news outlets. Perhaps not exactly as the young officers would have liked, but reported nonetheless. And even the officers gave me a sly smile and said you're right on that.

Moreover, for those in the audience who believed that these young battalion commanders were some kind of an elite all-star team handpicked by the Pentagon, I was happy to correct that impression. I told that gathering of moguls and titans, I've met hundreds more like them. They are exceptional officers, but they're not the exception.

Furthermore what they're doing in their commands in Iraq and Afghanistan may be news to you, but it's not news to communities and neighbors of mine in Big Timber, Montana, or in hamlets in South Carolina, or barrios in East Los Angeles or the working class neighborhoods of Detroit, or the small towns of the Great Plains. In those communities, they pay attention, because it is their sons and daughters, and fathers and mothers, who are in harm's way in those distant places.

General Meigs performed an important public service that week in Sun Valley by reminding that audience of the place of the military, not just in our national security considerations, but also in our social and political construct as a nation. Indisputably, this country has the finest military in the history of mankind.

It is a superior force at every measurable level, made up entirely by volunteers, fully integrated ethnically and in terms of gender.

Unfortunately, it's also a military that in too many families, in too many communities and especially in too many corporate suites and boardrooms, country clubs and other gathering places for the elite, it is a military that is out of sight and out of mind. It is separate and distinct from the day-to-day concerns of too many Americans, especially to the elites with their hands on the power. That's not just inappropriate; it is unacceptable and even dangerous to a democratic society.

One of the enduring lessons I have learned from my interest in and association with what I call the greatest generation, is the long-term beneficial effect of an organic relationship between a civilian society and its military.

World War II was obviously a unique undertaking, requiring millions of people in uniform, a re-ordering its civilian priorities and common sacrifices for a common commitment.

I have come to believe that one of the unheralded dividends at the end of the war for America was the maturation, the discipline, the ethos of teamwork young men and women in their 20s brought back to their civilian lives.

Now young Americans who are not in uniform like to say, they're "finding themselves" in their 20s, or they're "exploring other options" in life. The greatest generation found themselves in distant battlefields or in great sea battles, or in dogfights in the air—they found themselves on factory floors or in shipyards, in the daily rationing of meat and gasoline and luxury items.

What they learned in those life-altering experiences, they applied to the building of this country, to the expansion of freedom, and most of all, to the ordering of priority for the common good. And because their experience had been so shared at every level,

there was a common appreciation of the place of the military. Now we ask too few sacrifices at the civilian level.

There are the yellow ribbons and the welcome home signs, but for too many Americans those are more ornamental than organic to their own daily lives.

A distinguished American historian wrote recently of our mercenary military conjuring up images of young warriors who are motivated only by paychecks, in effect, contract killers. That's a profoundly erroneous conclusion. It is more widely shared, however, than we may care to acknowledge.

So who's to blame for this schism in our national definition? Ladies and gentlemen I would suggest that we all are.

Our political leaders in both parties are not sufficiently addressing the gap with their constituents. They're not asking their constituents to make even token sacrifices, as a reminder that there is a war underway. They're not encouraging their financial patrons—the special interests that help elect them to office—to take a more active role in implementing a better understanding of the place of the military in our lives and in the world.

Now it's just as well that our military establishment needs to no longer confine itself, by-and-large, to its own culture. It no longer should be as defensive as it can be, when it finds itself under fire.

The media have been too focused on the triumphs and shortcomings on the battlefield, too unimaginative in dealing with the complexities of the military/political structure, as well as the manpower, the financial and the policy issues.

No institution in America is as representative of this great immigrant nation with all our varied parts as the military, and we need to be reminded of that on a daily basis.

Too many citizens are willing to assume that defending the country is an assignment best left to someone else, that it's not a personal or family obligation or calling. In the modern culture there are too few people around to challenge that.

No one wants to return to a World War to reclaim a continuing relationship between the civilian population and the military. But neither is it in our national interest to have two populations—one in uniform and one not—with little or no connectivity.

The greatest accomplishment of the greatest generation was not just on the battlefield. It was in the post-war continuation of a commitment to a whole nation, civilian and military, each respectful and mindful of their relationship and role assigned them in advancing the national interests.

It is time for a new generation to re-activate that greatness—in uniform and out.

Then perhaps, when my great, great granddaughter is ready to write her book about our generation, she will be able to say, "They, too, met the test."

RECOGNIZING CODY WAYNE BATES FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody Wayne Bates, son of Carol and Terry Bates, of Holt, Missouri. Cody is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cody has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 8 years Cody has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 35 merit badges and held several leadership positions. Cody has served his troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aide, Librarian, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Cody is a brave in the Tribe of Mic-o-Say, where he has taken the name "Red Eye Owl," and is also a brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. In addition, Cody has earned the World Conservation Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Cody constructed a fence around 6 air conditioning units at First United Methodist Church to protect the units from damage.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cody Wayne Bates for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. JOSEPH AND DR. ROSE MATTIOLI AS THEY ARE AWARDED THE FRANK SCHOELCH COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AWARD FROM THE POCONO MOUNTAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my very good friends Dr. Joseph and Dr. Rose Mattioli, of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, who have been honored by the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce as recipients of the Frank Schoelch Community Commitment Award.

Both Mattiolis are graduates of Temple University, which is where they met. Dr. Joseph Mattioli practiced dentistry while Dr. Rose Mattioli pursued a professional career as a podiatrist. Both practiced in Philadelphia for about 10 years before they decided to embark on a complete change of careers.

The Mattiolis were determined to pursue a dream of bringing automobile racing to the New York and Philadelphia regions.

That dream became a reality in 1968 when they opened the Pocono International Raceway at Long Pond in Monroe County. They endured numerous obstacles and hardships during the early days of NASCAR, but they persevered.

Since then, the Mattiolis have developed the track into one of the best in the Nation. Today, that track hosts two NASCAR NEXTEL Cup series events each year. In 2002 they were inducted into the Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame.

Known as the driving force behind the growth of Pocono Raceway, Joe is credited by his peers for his incomparable knowledge of racing, drivers and, above all, people.

Rose is well-known as a gracious lady with an infectious smile. Rose is the "heart" of the Pocono Raceway. She was instrumental in providing an area at Pocono Raceway for religious services for race teams and their families.

Joe is also a strong supporter of countless charitable groups throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. A veteran of World War II, Dr. Mattioli has been honored for helping the Veterans Coalition and Veterans of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Drs. Joseph and Rose Mattioli on this happy occasion. It is, indeed, fitting that this couple should be recognized for their community commitment since they have contributed so much to the greater Pocono Mountain community for so long. I am proud to consider them my friends. Pocono Raceway has hosted hundreds of thousands of guests over the years and has been responsible for generating significant amounts of revenue and jobs that have greatly improved the quality of life throughout the region.

CONGRATULATING RUSLAN WERTZ

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ruslan Wertz of Coppell, Texas on his commitment, contribution and success in this year's Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

In 1999, Discovery created the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge to increase and encourage middle school students' participation in science and math. The DCYSC identifies and honors America's top middle school student who demonstrates the best skills in leadership, teamwork and scientific problem solving. In addition, the ability to be an effective science communicator—a goal that reflects Discovery's philosophy that scientific knowledge is most valuable when it is communicated and shared—is a key component of the judging. More than 9,500 children have entered the DCYSC since its inception. Winners have received more than \$500,000 in scholarship awards, Federal Government recognition and participated in science-related trips that have taken them to the far corners of the globe. This year, nearly 75,000 students entered science fairs nationwide. Of those students, only 400 were chosen as semifinalists in the 2005 Discovery Young Scientist Challenge competition. The final 40 came from 19 States and Puerto Rico.

One of those finalists was Ruslan Wertz, a 16-year-old ninth-grader at Coppell High School. Ruslan's project was titled "The Truth and Lies of Blood Glucose Monitoring Systems." During a doctor's visit with his father, a diabetic, the doctor ran a glucometer test with a result of 130. This result concerned Ruslan because a few minutes earlier, his father's home test had read 160. The doctor said that home-use glucometers are not as accurate as the more expensive kind used by physicians. Ruslan wanted to confirm this disparity. For his efforts, Ruslan was awarded the TLC Science of Production Award.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Ruslan Wertz for his efforts and for receiving this commendable award given by the Discovery Channel Youth Scientist Challenge. His commitment to science and to helping others serves as an inspiration to all.

RECOGNIZING MR. SAM MOORE

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Sam Moore of Butler, Kentucky. Mr. Moore has been actively involved in agriculture in my Congressional District serving as a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors for the last 30 years. I have known Mr. Moore for several years and have found him to be a man of incredible integrity who is devoted to helping others. He is an active member of the community as well as a forceful leader in the agriculture field.

Mr. Moore hails from Butler County, where he farms more than 4,300 acres producing corn, soybeans, and wheat. He and his wife, Helen, have 6 children that frequently contribute to the family farm, teaching them time-honored values of hard work and respect for the farmer. While Mr. Moore has been active in production agriculture, he has also been involved with many other important agribusinesses making him an incredible asset to his community. He is the recipient of numerous awards, having been recognized as the Outstanding Young Farmer by the Kentucky Jaycees in 1973 as well as being named the 2003 Man of the Year In Kentucky Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine. He has also been very active in the American Farm Bureau, the American Soybean Association, the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association, and the Kentucky Corn Grower's Association.

Because Mr. Moore will soon retire from his tenure as President of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, I would like to recognize his service at the Bureau and his dedication to improving agricultural interests in my home State. Without his personal connections with many influential agriculture leaders, not to mention his tireless efforts on behalf of farmers in the Commonwealth, Kentucky would not be excelling in this industry. I am sure the Kentucky Farm Bureau is sorry to see him leave, but I am confident that Mr. Moore will continue to stay active and be relied upon as a leader for Kentucky farming for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING DANE K. HAGEN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dane K. Hagen, son of Susan and Mike Hagen, of Kearney, Missouri. Dane is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dane has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 8 years Dane has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held several leadership positions. Dane has served his troop as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster,