

1300 was named in honor of Pvt. Henry Ostendorf, the first service member from Madison County, IL, to be killed in action during World War I.

The first Commander of Post 1300 was Pat Doyle. The first post colors were handmade and are still on display in the post's flag case today. The first Auxiliary President was Shirley Stanfill.

From its inception, Post 1300 was active in the community as well as in advocating for the benefit of veterans. Some early civic activities included an Independence Day fireworks extravaganza, begun in 1938, that thrilled the citizens of Granite City and the surrounding communities. During World War II, Post 1300 began sending cards and gift boxes to area service members who were on active duty.

As with many new organizations, Post 1300's first meeting was held in a private residence, the home of Larkin Conaway. The meetings rotated among the homes of members before moving to the Odd Fellows Hall in Granite City. After considerable fund-raising by the post and the auxiliary, the Wendel Bakery building was purchased and renovated for a post home and the first meeting was held there in April 1946. This served until the new post home was first occupied on May 1, 2006.

Although much has changed since 1932, Post 1300 has continued in its service to veterans and to its community. From raising money for veterans, visiting those sick and injured in the hospital and donating flags to area schools to promote patriotism, Post 1300 has been true to the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of VFW Pvt. Henry Ostendorf Post 1300 both past and present on 75 years of serving veterans and the people of the Granite City, IL, area.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall No. 564, an amendment to the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, H.R. 2643. I intended to vote "no" on the amendment, which would have imposed an unacceptable cut to the National Endowment for the Arts. I am pleased that my colleagues did not support this amendment, and I congratulate the gentleman from Washington, Interior Subcommittee Chairman NORM DICKS, who provided such important support for the arts and humanities in his subcommittee's legislation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2829) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chairman, a funny thing happened during a routine security check on classified information in the Executive Branch. It was blocked by the Vice President of the United States. The fact that the Vice President refused to comply with a security requirement imposed by the President is deeply disturbing. However, what is more chilling is the fact is that he defended his action by maintaining that he is not really within the Executive branch and hence, not within the reach of the Executive Order. In classrooms throughout our country students are rightly taught that the American Constitution establishes three branches of government—the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial. Despite his best efforts, there is no "Dick Cheney" branch of government.

So, I rise today in support of Mr. Emanuel's amendment to strip the funding for the Vice President's office within the executive branch based upon his assertion that it does not in fact exist. The Vice President's position that he is outside of the reach of the Executive Order adds another act in the Cheney Theater of the Absurd. The Vice President seems to believe that for every rule there is a "Cheney exception". He doesn't want to be bound by the same rules that apply to everyone else.

As highlighted by the ongoing Washington Post series on the Vice President, his worldview has infected the policies and practices of the entire Bush Administration. As a Federal Appeals Court noted, the Administration's attempt orchestrated by Mr. CHENEY to rewrite the Clean Air Act could be valid "only in a Humpty-Dumpty world" where everything is upside down. Nowhere has the Cheney approach had more impact and created more damage than in the area of national security policy. His blatant misrepresentation about the situation in Iraq before and during the war have weakened our national security and diminished our credibility around the world. After all it was DICK CHENEY who said: "Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction. There is no doubt that he is amassing them to use against our friends, against our allies, and against us." This statement we now know to be wrong.

Regarding Sadam Hussein's connections with Al Qaeda, despite repeated findings to the contrary by Executive branch agencies, bipartisan Congressional Committee and the Baker Hamilton Commission that there is no evidence of collaboration between Al Qaeda and Sadam Hussein, the Vice President continues to repeat the erroneous claim.

Once the war started he was equally wrong in his assessment of the war claiming two years ago that the Iraqi insurgency was in its "last throws".

Following a report in January of this year where the President finally acknowledged deep troubles in Iraq, the Vice President indicated that the Administration has achieved "enormous successes" in Iraq and declared that critics and the media "are eager to write off this effort or declare it a failure."

Regarding the conditions for detaining the Bush Administration's "enemy combatants" at Guantanamo Bay the Vice President said: "They got a brand new facility down at Guan-

tanamo. We spent a lot of money to build it. They're very well treated down there. They're living in the tropics. They're well fed. They've got everything they could possibly want."

It has been difficult to determine which of the Vice President's unique traits epitomizes his arrogance of power more, his belief that he is above the law or his complete and utter disregard for the facts. This week however, a more disturbing tendency has emerged, his complete abandonment of reality.

Still if the Vice President insists that he is not a part of the Executive Branch then his office in the Executive Branch must be unnecessary and is no longer in need of funding.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I missed roll call vote 532 to H.R. 2764 taken on June 21, 2007. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted aye.

As an ardent supporter of the rights of the unborn, I stand in strong support of H. AMDT. 364, which would restore the President's emergency plan for AIDS relief authorization provision requiring 33 percent of HIV/AIDS prevention funding to be spent on abstinence and fidelity promotion programs.

IN HONOR OF JIM BOWMAN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a great American, Mr. Jim Bowman, of the United States Air Force Academy.

After 49 years of service to the Academy, Mr. Bowman has announced his retirement from his position of Assistant Athletic Director in charge of recruiting support for 27 varsity sports teams. Throughout his tenure, Bowman has led numerous sports teams, and has held various positions within the athletic department.

Jim Bowman first came to the Air Force Academy in 1958 and was head junior varsity football coach for 4 years before becoming head freshman coach. He served as frosh coach until the 1975 season when he again assumed the J.V. program. In his five seasons as J.V. Head Coach, his teams compiled a 24–4–1 record and his 1963 and 1975 teams were undefeated. After the 1975 season, he retired as a coach to devote his full duties to the candidate counseling and admissions support program.

His successes as a coach stem from his own on-field prowess, as Jim Bowman was a successful high school and collegiate athlete. Bowman, an all-conference player for Charlevoix High School, went undefeated all 4 years he played. He later attended the University of Michigan, and received his varsity letter as a center in his senior year.

Over his tenure at the Air Force Academy, he was a member of the staff that participated

in 17 bowl games, including the 1959 Cotton Bowl and the 1971 Sugar Bowl. He coached over 1,000 Academy football players and helped over 11,000 athletes receive appointments to the Academy. Jim estimates that he has seen over 38,000 Cadets graduate. Indeed, his lifelong dedication is as commendable as it is astonishing.

While he will undoubtedly be missed on the Air Force Academy campus and among the scores that have worked with him to place cadets at the Academy, his legacy will live on.

RECOGNIZING IAN MORRISON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Morrison of Oregon, Missouri. Ian recently won the Tar Wars Poster Competition for the state of Missouri. He will formally receive the award in Washington, DC on July 16th.

Tar Wars is the tobacco-free education program for children sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians. The Tar Wars Program was established to provide youth with the knowledge to make positive decisions regarding their health and well being by remaining tobacco free. Every year middle school students create posters with creative and encouraging messages representing the many benefits of staying tobacco free. From these entries a winner from each state is chosen.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Ian Morrison of Oregon, Missouri. Ian's commitment to excellence is remarkable, and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

HONORING FRANCISCO RAMON ANTONES

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my warmest congratulations to Francisco Ramon Angones on the occasion of his swearing in as the first Hispanic president of the Florida Bar and the first Cuban-American to hold this prestigious position in our State.

Francisco R. Angones was born in Havana, Cuba on July 21, 1950. He was the great grandson of Perucho Figueredo, lawyer and composer of the Cuban National Anthem, El Hymno De Bayamo, and came to the United States on June 13, 1961 as an unaccompanied minor in Operation Peter Pan to seek a better life under democracy and freedom. He attended my alma mater the University of Miami where he received a J.D. degree in June of 1976 and a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, in June of 1972.

Francisco Angones is a founding partner of the law firm of Angones, McClure & Garcia, P.A. that resides in my congressional district in Miami, FL. Frank opened the door for future Hispanic-Americans to succeed in our community by being the first Hispanic to serve as

president of the Dade County Bar in 1994 and the youngest president of the Cuban American Bar Association in 1982. Frank Angones has had a long and successful career that has spanned many years of outstanding service, dedication, hard work, devotion, and love for the United States. His leadership throughout the past years has helped our community grow to become one of America's largest growing populations and the ideals that it stands for have become an intrinsic part of this country.

Recognizing the need to continue to provide service to those less fortunate, Francisco Angones gathered a group of lawyers together to represent Cuban refugees who suffered from less adequate legal representation at Guantanamo Bay. For this act, the group received the Florida Bar Pro Bono Service Award.

I have known the Angones family for over 20 years and I stand by his wife Georgie and son Frank, Jr. to celebrate their father's many accomplishments. He has left a legacy that others will continue to follow for years to come and I am proud to recognize Frank Angones for his tireless dedication to the judicial process and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Frank on his wonderful service to the community.

HONORING DR. JAMES KING

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor James King, M.D., a family physician in Selmer, Tennessee and president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). King was elected to the position by the Congress of Delegates; the AAFP's governing body, in October 2006, where he previously served 3 years as a member of the AAFP board of directors.

Dr. King received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Martin, and earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee Center of Health Sciences, Memphis, in 1982. He completed his residency at the University of Tennessee Family Medicine Residency, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, in 1985. King is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and is an AAFP fellow.

King is in private practice in the rural community of Selmer and serves as assistant clinical professor at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, Memphis. He is also on the medical staff of the McNairy Regional Hospital in Selmer and serves as medical director of Chester County Healthcare Services.

Prior to his service with the AAFP, he was an active member of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP). King has served on the committees on public relations, finance, and legislation and governmental affairs. He also has served on the Long-Range Planning Committee, Nominating Committee and Membership Committee. As a member of the TAFP board of directors, King has served as vice president, president-elect, president and board chair.

King received the Outstanding Model Office Teaching Award from the University of Ten-

nessee Family Medicine Residency, Jackson, in 1990 and the TAFP's Family Physician of the Year Award in 1997.

Active in his local community, King has presented the AAFP's Tar Wars tobacco-free education program to area fourth- and fifth-graders on behalf of the TAFP since 2000. He has also had many State and regional appointments, including serving as the chair of the McNairy County Board of Health, a member of the TennCare Steering Committee of the Tennessee Department of Health, a member and then chair of the Primary Health Care Liaison Committee, State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. James King for his extraordinary contributions to medicine and for the profoundly positive impact he has on our community.

HONORING MARINE LANCE CPL. JEREMY L. TINNEL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Marine Lance Corporal Jeremy L. Tinnel, who died the first of July 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Tinnel, 20, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, died of injuries sustained from a non-hostile accident during combat operations on the Euphrates River just off the shore of Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Tinnel was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Jeremy was promoted to Lance Corporal January 1, 2007. His military decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Tinnel left for his second deployment to Iraq on March 7, 2007.

In May 2007, Marine Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Tinnel was injured by an improvised explosive device. Lance Corporal Tinnel was a turret gunner on a Humvee during a routine patrol on May 14, 2007 when an IED detonated near the right side of the vehicle. The blast blew away the wheels, hood and engine block, and sent the wreckage screeching across the road. However, he remained in Iraq and returned to duty after about a week's recovery.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, Jeremy grew up in Highland Springs and Sandston, Virginia and was home-schooled. He lived in Mechanicsville, Virginia before joining the Marines in August 2004. While in North Carolina, Tinnel met "the love of his life." He and his wife, Angel Nichole Tinnel of Havre de Grace, Maryland, were married in December, 2006 during a small ceremony in Mechanicsville.

Before joining the Marine Corps, Tinnel volunteered for many summers in eastern Henrico County, Virginia at the New Bridge Baptist Church's summer camp ministry and created a puppet character for the church's children's ministry that had a pointy green head, red hair and an English accent.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his father, Herold Tinnel, and stepmother, Joyce