

Paulk. Lieutenant Colonel Paulk is retiring after more than 25 years of service in the United States Marine Corps. He was raised in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where he graduated from Tucker High School in 1982 before attending the University of West Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Paulk has served in a variety of assignments throughout his distinguished career beginning at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he attended basic training in 1983. He then went to his military occupation school, MOS, at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California, where he was one of the top candidates at the school, earning the field radio operator MOS.

Private First Class Paulk was then assigned to the 4th Forward Area Air Defense Battery, Detachment Alpha, Marietta, Georgia as a field radio operator with 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Alpha Company. In 1986, Corporal Paulk was selected to participate in the Platoon Leaders Class and attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. He graduated from the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia in April 1987, with a bachelor of arts degree in history, and then received a commission as a Marine Corps second lieutenant.

From April through November 1987, Lieutenant Colonel Paulk attended the Basic School, graduating in the top third of his class. Upon completion of The Basic School he attended Aviation Maintenance Officer's School in Pensacola, Florida.

From May 1988 through June 1999, Lieutenant Colonel Paulk served with Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533, in Cherry Point, North Carolina, deploying to Norway, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Guam, and Wake Island. He also served in Marine Aircraft Group 42, in Marietta, Georgia, deploying with Marine Observation Squadron 4 and Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 to a multitude of counter-narcotic missions throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Lastly, during this time he also served in the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, serving as the rotary wing class desk officer and as the executive officer for Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In June 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Paulk graduated from the U.S. Naval War College with a master of arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, degree and transferred to U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. He served in the Operations and Plans Division overseeing the deployment of marines to Central and South America, as well as to the Caribbean.

From April 2002 until May 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Paulk served on recruiting duty in Marietta, Georgia and Quantico, Virginia. During this tour he deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, participating in Operation Al Fajr and supporting Iraq's first free elections. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations while serving as the plans officer and operations officer for the 4th Civil Affairs Group.

Lieutenant Colonel Paulk served as a congressional liaison officer with the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, DC, during his last 8 months of service. In his position, Lieutenant Colonel Paulk carried the Corps' message to these hallowed halls, providing Members of

this body the information necessary to determine how best to equip, maintain, and support the United States Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Paulk has made a lasting contribution to the capability of today's Marine Corps' and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps. His superior performance of duties highlights the culmination of more than 25 years of honorable and dedicated Marine Corps service. My home State of Georgia and our country are proud of Lieutenant Colonel Paulk's exemplary professional competence, sound judgment, and total dedication to duty. He has reflected great credit upon himself and has always upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. I wish Michael, his wife, April, and their daughters, Mallory and Maggie, all the best in their future endeavors as they return to life together in Georgia.

ROBERT C. FISHER

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a minute and pay tribute to an old friend and former staffer, Robert C. Fisher. Bob is a man of strong ideals and integrity.

I first met Bob when we were in our first year of law school at McGeorge Law School in California. Our friendship began then and has been strong ever since. After law school, Bob and I went our separate ways. Bob worked first at the State Lands Department and then had a private law practice. I went to work in the California State Senate in Sacramento. Ten years later I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and when I became Chairman of the Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power, I encouraged Bob to become the staff director of the committee. He graciously accepted the position, and he and his lovely wife, Joyce, moved to the Washington area.

Bob was born in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in Oregon, Michigan, Indiana and California. He attended high school in La Sierra, California. While in high school, Bob showed his talent of teaching in his early years. He would often help tutor his fellow students at his home, and eventually the group got so large that the class asked their teacher if Bob could teach the class, since he was able to better relate to his peers. The teacher allowed Bob to teach the class for about 2 weeks under his supervision.

After high school, Bob attended Andrews University in Southwestern Michigan where he majored in journalism. He earned his undergraduate degree in 3 years after successfully testing out of 1 year of classes. While at Andrews, he met Joyce in the communications department, and the two have been married for 35 years now. They have one son, Robert Jr., who is 14 years old.

Bob has the gift of being able to teach people in both personal and professional situations. When he was living in California, Bob taught Sunday school at his local church and has been involved with it ever since. He currently teaches the adult group at his local church in Leesburg, Virginia and has recently started writing about Jesus and the New Testament.

I am very grateful for Bob's friendship, and I look forward to the many years ahead we have as friends. I wish him and his Family much happiness and success.

HONORING ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH
IN BREESE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Dominic's Parish in Breese, Illinois. For 150 years, St. Dominic's has represented the spread of Catholicism in rural America and has also acted as one of its community's cornerstones. The first church building was used from 1858 to 1868 and measured 40 feet by 60 feet. In 1858 Father August Reineke was called to act as the first pastor of St. Dominic's and served until 1909. A larger church was needed due to the growing number of settlers in the area. The parishioners donated the land as well as the stone and limestone for construction of the present church still in use today.

The original parish began with 70 Catholic families and today has grown to 867 families. One of St. Dominic's largest accomplishments was the establishment of Mater Dei High School. The men and women of St. Dominic's help by reaching out to their community and world with the parish's volunteer efforts. St. Monica's Altar Sodality and St. Joseph's Men's Sodality donate money to the parish's Vacation Bible School, food pantry and youth ministry. The ladies of the parish are currently sponsoring a child in Guatemala, while the men have donated over \$20,000 to the new multi-purpose room.

I join with my fellow Representatives to congratulate St. Dominic's on 150 years of faith and service.

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE
HELEN MARSHALL ON RECEIVING THE
"GREEN LEADERSHIP AWARD"

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Queens Borough President Helen Marshall for receiving the prestigious "Green Leadership Award" from the Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) on November 13th, 2008. APEC, located in Douglaston, Queens, is a superb educational center committed to environmental understanding and awareness. Helen's dedication and support of environmental education, public parks and responsible zoning and land-use in Queens is a great example of how we can promote "green living" around the nation through local political leadership.

Thanks to Helen's aggressive efforts, over \$60 million has been allocated to maintain, improve and expand the parks and playgrounds of Queens. Recently, Helen was instrumental in procuring resources to help begin construction of APEC's new environmental educational

facility. APEC had a staggering 40,000 New York City area school students visit Alley Pond last year. During APEC-run programs, students of pre-school, elementary school, middle and high school ages learn about the environment and conservation policy. APEC also runs wonderful Teacher Workshops to train teachers in methods to enrich and improve their natural sciences curriculum when they return to the classroom. Demand for APEC's educational programs is so high that over 8,000 students had to be placed on a waiting list to visit Alley Pond.

Borough President Marshall, recognizing APEC's need for space, led the way for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to allocate resources for APEC's future environmental educational facility. Utilizing the \$1 million in funds that Helen helped to get, APEC will soon start construction of a new green facility that will make student waiting lists for APEC's programs a thing of the past. For Helen, this kind of action is nothing new. From her time as a teacher, to her service as a member of the New York State Assembly and the New York City Council, to being the Queens Borough President; she has been the most tireless advocate for children's educational and environmental resources. From libraries, to remedial programs, to playgrounds and parks, no one has done more to make certain that the children of Queens receive the help they need for the best education possible.

Madam Speaker, I highly commend Borough President Marshall for her extraordinary dedication to environmental education and for receiving the "Green Leadership Award" from the Alley Pond Environmental Center. Helen embodies the spirit of the award, having devoted herself to ensuring that children experience the world's natural beauty in America's greatest city. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Helen Marshall as a recipient of this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO RECOGNIZE MR.
NORRIS O. CHANDLER

HON. Wm. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Norris O. Chandler, former WWI and WWII veteran who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to the service of others through 60 years of civilian service.

Chandler enlisted in United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and was soon assigned to a special amphibious engineering unit activated for World War II—the 149th Engineer Combat Battalion. As a Demolition Specialist for the 149th, he joined the invasion of France on Omaha Beach in 1944.

The 149th was responsible for destroying enemy bridges, probing and destroying mines and other obstacles, both on land and underwater, and for building Bailey Bridges.

Following World War II, Mr. Chandler returned to Fort Polk, Louisiana to await discharge. His unit was deactivated in December of 1945 and he became part of the newly activated Organized Reserve Corps (Individual Stand-By) until 1951.

In 1951, Mr. Chandler entered the Civilian Service with the Missouri Military District (MMD), 11th Army Corps, St. Louis, and Missouri as a warehouseman. During this time the MMD was renamed the U.S. Army Support Center. Mr. Chandler continued his services at the center, holding various positions including stock control clerk, general supply clerk, and Publications Supply officer among other things before the agency moved to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Mr. Chandler opposed relocating to Fort Sheridan and joined the staff at the U.S. Army Adjutant General Publications Center as a packer, for over 40 years, turning down General Schedule (GS) opportunities in favor of his Wage Grade (WG) packer position.

Chandler's WWII unit received four campaign ribbons: Normandy (with bronze arrowhead), Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Mr. Chandler's civilian awards include the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in September 1996. In addition, he currently has over 3300 hours of sick leave and usually forfeits almost all of his annual leave, except when he generously donates to other employees through the leave donation program.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Chandler, an American hero, for 60 years as a civil servant and for his noble sacrifice and courage to the United States Armed Services. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Norris O. Chandler for his service and commitment to put country first.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARNER
GLENN'S DEDICATION TO THE
SOUTHWEST

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of Mr. Warner Glenn, a dedicated steward of our fragile lands and a champion for endangered species of the Southwest.

Mr. Glenn is a rancher who lives near Douglas, Arizona, a small city on the United States-Mexico border that traces its roots back to the early 20th century. The desert lands surrounding Douglas are an environmental treasure. They are abundant in wildlife. These beautiful areas face serious threats and many citizens in my district have taken action to address these issues. Warner Glenn is a leader in this movement.

Warner and his family are part of the Malpai Borderlands Group, ranchers and conservationists who are dedicated to preserving the open spaces that are in danger of disappearing.

He was recently named by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as a "Regional Recovery Champion" for his tireless efforts in protecting the endangered jaguar. Mr. Glenn's photographs of jaguars were the first taken of the animal in the United States.

Mr. Glenn's photographs were more than mere documentation of the jaguar. In honoring Mr. Glenn, Benjamin Tuggle, the director of the Fish and Wildlife's Southwestern Region, noted that Mr. Glenn's "stunning photographs, along with his written and oral accounts, have

ignited a passion for jaguars and borderlands conservation."

He took his photographs in 1996 and 2006. Since then, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has granted the jaguar protection under the Endangered Species Act. The agency also funds monitoring efforts in Arizona and has contributed to local and international programs to help conserve the jaguar and aid in the species' recovery.

Mr. Glenn embodies the true spirit of the Southwest. Born and raised in the fabled Chiricahua Mountains, he makes his living from the land as a rancher, guide and outfitter for hunters. When he is in the wild, he typically carries a .357 Magnum on his belt. Yet as he has said that he "never felt danger" when he encountered the jaguars! His only thought as he first saw the jaguar that day was how can we protect this beautiful animal and maintain its ability to roam the deserts and mountains?

Not all of us have Mr. Glenn's vision but all of us can learn valuable lessons from him with regard to the jaguar. As he put it, "When you see one of those in the wild, you can't help but admire and respect those cats, and they deserve it."

I commend and thank Warner Glenn for all he has done to preserve the land and the wildlife that lives on it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2638.

Name of the requesting Member: JEFF MILLER.

Bill number: H.R. 2638.

Project: Eglin Air Force Base Range Operations Center (ROCC) Initiative.

Account: RDT&E, Air Force.

Earmark Received: \$800,000.

Justification for use of taxpayer funding: Considering the effects of BRAC, emerging Joint Test and Training missions, and increased operations tempo, this initiative will address the current Eglin AFB shortfalls in infrastructure to provide safe, efficient, effective control of range resources. Eglin AFB initiated a phased approach (Super ROCC) to address these shortfalls, and this project will initiate the action by addressing movement and control of people and equipment and relevant security issues. This initiative will help the Air Force increase the operations tempo at the Eglin Range by addressing the movement and control of people and equipment as well as relevant security issues. Through this initiative, the Air Force will greatly improve its ability to track all players on the Eglin Range thereby significantly increase its efficiency in an increased ops tempo environment. Driven by BRAC and safety imperatives, this further provides for more effective control which will better optimize range scheduling and increase flexibility in meeting test and training missions. Simply by knowing the locations of all entities