

Deputy Surgeon for Mobilization, Readiness and Reserve Affairs.

While serving as the Commander of the 8th Medical Brigade, Major General Kasulke was selected to the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee in Washington DC, and to the General Officer Medical Advisory Committee. Through these two prestigious committees, Major General Kasulke became the voice of the medical profession for the 77th Regional Support Command and the United States Army Reserve at the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism.

Major General Kasulke instituted a highly successful Innovative Readiness Training program in support of an American Indian program named: Walking Shield American Indian Society. Operation Walking Shield deployed military doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel to various American Indian reservations to help address the serious health challenges that existed in those austere areas in five states over a period of five years. The soldiers deploying to these sites returned with enhanced skills in their medical field and with the knowledge they have served their nation in a unique and meaningful way.

Major General Kasulke was also instrumental in creating a partnership with Kings County Medical Center, New York for a trauma training program which included the Jacobi Medical Center, New York. These partnerships proved to be an invaluable asset for training medical personnel for the type of trauma injuries those medical Soldiers would see within a combat theater of operations. The partnership augmented medical readiness of medical Army Reserve soldiers, and improved the training readiness of hundreds of medical personnel in the United States Army Reserve.

While serving as the Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and Reserve Affairs, Major General Kasulke was the Senior United States Army Reserve Medical Department Officer acting as the representative and advisor to the Army Surgeon General. During his tenure he was instrumental in improving the joint medical readiness of the United States Army Reserve and National Guard. Major General Kasulke influenced and enhanced Army Reserve medical unit readiness by developing and increasing the number of joint medical exercises which sought to build and develop clinical training programs for Reserve clinicians. Furthermore, he improved support to the Surgeon General by building a United States Army Reserve Medical Consultant Staff, which was the first ever for the Surgeon General's office.

Major General Kasulke's career is culminating with his assignment as the Commander of the Army Reserve Medical Command, at the C. W. Bill Young Armed Forces Reserve Center in Pinellas Park, Florida. Here, Major General Kasulke was the driving force for the Reserve Component Soldier Medical Support Center. This program coupled with the Medical Management Activity rapidly evaluates permanent profiles of Soldiers across the Army Reserve. Under Major General Kasulke's stewardship, over 3,300 medically not ready profiles were reviewed resulting in a cost savings of over \$88 million, and directly returning over 1,500 Soldiers back to duty. The Medical Management Activity also downgraded approximately 3,500 profiles which equates to \$120 million in cost savings returning Soldiers back to their formations in a ready and deployable status.

In his civilian career, Major General Kasulke is a board certified vascular surgeon. He is also board certified in general surgery and quality assurance. He is certified in medical regulating and HIV medicine. He is also a founding member of the American Hospice Organization. He authored or co-authored several articles or chapters in numerous books and periodicals. He also serves as Assistant Editor for *The Federal Practitioner* and *The Journal of Military Medicine for Vascular and General Surgery*. Major General Kasulke serves as Chair, Director, or member for over seven community, county, or regional boards of directors. He also serves on five military associations and was most recently elected to serve as President for the Congress of the International Organization of Medical Reservists.

The Army Medical Department, the United States Army, and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Major General Robert J. Kasulke retires. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Major General Robert J. Kasulke's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully over three generations of Soldiers and their Families.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General Robert J. Kasulke for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Catherine, daughter Kristen, and son Stephen, all the best in his retirement.

NORTH KOREA REFUGEE
ADOPTION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of H.R. 1464, the North Korea Refugee Adoption Act of 2011, I rise to thank Mr. Royce and Ranking Member Berman for bringing this important bipartisan bill to the floor on September 11, 2012.

This bill was introduced to assist North Korean children living "stateless" outside of that country who face starvation and neglect because they are neither North Korean citizens nor citizens of the country where they currently reside. There are many American families who would love to give a home to these orphans and refugee children if they could. This legislation will help make that process easier.

The bill encourages the Homeland and State Departments to develop strategies to help reunite North Korean refugee children with their families or to facilitate the adoption of the children by citizens of South Korea, China or other countries. Many of these children have Chinese fathers and North Korean mothers but are not claimed by either parent, and being stateless, don't have access to the resources of either country. This bill will help provide for their immediate care and begin the process of getting them settled.

I am proud to support this bill and ask my colleagues to join me.

LOCAL OLYMPIANS

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and recognize the Pittsburghers who competed in the 2012 London Olympic Games.

We are proud in Pittsburgh to be a city of champions with deep-rooted team spirit and winning traditions. These Olympians have reached the pinnacle of accomplishment in their sports, and today I would like to salute their unyielding pursuit of excellence. These hometown heroes embody the ambition, resilience, courage, and dogged work ethic that the people of Western Pennsylvania deeply admire. I would like to individually recognize each of these outstanding athletes.

Cassidy Krug attended Montour High School and Stanford University, where she was unbeaten in diving dual meet competitions. The NCAA champion, three time All-American, and 10-time national champion was coached by both of her parents—her father, the head diving coach at the University of Pittsburgh and her mother, a coach at the Pitt Aquatic Club team. She briefly retired before making a comeback to compete in diving in London, coming in 7th in the women's 3m springboard. She now plans to pursue a career in writing.

Trevor Barron of Bethel Park, a race-walking prodigy, studies computer science at Colorado College. He started suffering seizures from epilepsy at age 8 and underwent multiple brain surgeries to overcome them. Thankfully, he is now seizure-free, and throughout the trying episodes, Barron exhibited an extraordinary zeal to achieve greatness. Barron won the U.S. National Junior Olympics every year from 2003 to 2006. He set the American record in the men's 20,000 meter race-walk at the 2012 Olympic trials. He finished 26th in London setting an American record in the event.

Allison Schmitt, two-time Olympian and six-time Olympic medalist hails from the city of Pittsburgh. She took bronze in the 4x200 meter freestyle relay at her Olympic debut in Beijing. This time around she swam the anchor leg in two relays bringing home the bronze in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay and the gold in the 4x100 meter medley relay. She also won silver in the 400 meter freestyle and gold in the 200 meter freestyle. Schmitt, known for her fun-loving nature and infectious positive attitude, is headed back to the University of Georgia for her senior year.

Swin Cash of McKeesport helped the U.S. basketball team to its fifth straight gold medal at the Olympics. The team is on a 41-game winning streak in the Olympics, usually winning by nearly 30 point margins. Cash played basketball for UConn, leading the Huskies to National Championships in 2000 and 2002, when she was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. The second pick in the 2002 WNBA draft, she was selected by the Detroit Shock, and led the team to its first WNBA Championship the following year. This is her second gold at the Olympics, as she also played on the 2004 U.S. team in Athens. Cash has graciously given back to the community in McKeesport through her charity "Cash for Kids" which uses sports and cultural

activities to encourage kids to “get in the game” on and off the court.

Jake Herbert graduated from North Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh. The two-time NCAA Champion studied communications at Northwestern University, where he was the best wrestler in the school’s history. Herbert posted a perfect 34–0 record in his final season and a 149–4 career record, the fifth best percentage in NCAA history. He was a recipient of college wrestling’s top honor, the Hodge Trophy. Herbert went on to win silver at the 2009 World Championships and to compete at the London Olympics, where he just missed out in the repechage on a shot at the bronze medal match. This fierce competitor sported a hefty fan club of about 65 friends and family members waving terrible towels in the crowd.

Amanda Polk grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from Oakland Catholic High School, where she first began rowing. She studied biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame where she was part of the first NCAA team bid in the team’s history and was a four time All-American. Polk took silver in the four at the 2009 World Championships, then won gold in the eight in 2010 and 2011. She recently won gold and set a world best time in the women’s eight at the 2012 World Rowing Cup in Lucerne. Polk has consistently been a strong part of the eight that is dominating women’s rowing and she was an alternate in London. Unbeaten since 2006, the women were golden again in London, successfully defending their title from Beijing and solidifying what Polk’s teammate, Susan Francia, has rightfully dubbed an “American Dynasty.”

Lauren Crandall grew up in Doylestown, PA and went to school in North Allegheny. She was first named to the U.S. National field hockey team when she was a sophomore at Wake Forest. In 2006, Crandall was named the ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player. A veteran of the international field hockey scene, she has 173 international caps, or tournament appearances, which is the second most on the team. Now a two-time Olympian, she helped the team to an 8th place finish in Beijing and captained Team USA in London to come in 12th place. Crandall is going to DeVry University to pursue a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration on non-profit organizations.

Christa Harmotto was originally recruited to play volleyball from a 6th grade gym class. She went on to play at Hopewell High School and then at Penn State where she studied education. She and her team won national titles in 2007 and 2008 and she ended her career with a .433 career hitting percentage, the second best in NCAA history. Harmotto played basketball abroad professionally, where she sharpened her skills gearing up for the Games and now she has a silver medal from the London Olympics indoor volleyball competition to show for it. She plans to continue playing and training for Rio in 2016.

Lauryn Williams, a track and field star, was born in Pittsburgh. Williams studied finance at the University of Miami, where she was the 2004 NCAA Champion at the 100 meter. A three-time World Champion, Williams took home the silver medal in the 100 meter at the 2004 Games and came in fourth in the event in 2008. She competed in the 4x100 meter relay in Beijing but an incomplete pass of the baton put the team out of medal contention. In London, Williams ran the anchor leg of the

women’s 4x100 meter in the qualification round, and the team went on to win gold in event. Williams aims to finish 100 meter races in under 11 seconds. Every time she goes “sub 11,” she has pledged to give out a \$1000 scholarship to a female athlete in her senior year of high school. The 2006 Visa Humanitarian of the Year, she is deeply invested in her community as part of USA Track and Field’s “Be a Champion” community outreach, through volunteering with hearing impaired elementary school students, and through her female athlete scholarship fund.

I applaud all of these extraordinary athletes for their unbreakable spirits, their indomitable will to win, and their thrilling achievements. Training involves serious sacrifices. These athletes put in the work day in and day out, then they put it all on the line on the world stage with gutsy performances full of heart. I want to commend their family and friends who have supported their Olympic dreams and helped them keep striving to be stronger, get faster, and reach farther. And to these Olympians, I want to wish you a hearty congratulations and I want you to know that we in Pittsburgh are proud of yinz!

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Too many American women—sisters, daughters, nieces, wives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers—are losing their lives to this disease. This year alone, more than 20,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and more than 15,000 will die of the disease.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women, and the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. If ovarian cancer is treated before it spreads, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. But, because there is no ovarian cancer screening or early detection test, many women won’t learn their diagnosis until the odds are against them.

We must do everything we can to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer before it is too late. Doctors recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. We must all become familiar with the early symptoms and share this information.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting investments in medical research. We must ensure that the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are receiving the funding they need to put an end to ovarian cancer. Investments in medical research will lead to breakthroughs in screening, early detection, and treatment.

Today, I stand with the ovarian cancer community in their efforts to increase awareness of the symptoms, boost federal funding for ovarian cancer awareness, and expand federal research to improve treatments and develop a desperately needed screening or early detection test.

Please join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to increase public knowledge about this deadly disease and save lives.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CORLISS GADSDEN’S 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Corliss Gadsden, for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Colonel Corliss Gadsden will retire as the Army Reserve Medical Command’s Operations Officer (G–3) on October 1, 2012. Her service spans over twenty-nine years of military duty to the United States Army Reserve.

Colonel Corliss Gadsden has served her country with integrity, dedication, and visionary leadership for over 29 years. She has constantly and consistently achieved and surpassed every mission assigned to her. During the early days of the Global War on Terrorism, while assigned as the United States Army Reserve Europe Medical Plans Officer, she was responsible for activating three medical units to support the European Regional Medical Command resulting in the right mix of medical professionals deploying to hostile environments to ensure the highest quality medical care for deployed United States service members.

Ever conscious of maintaining the operational posture of Army Reserve Soldiers’ she focused and honed in on the medical and Soldier skills. In 2002, she was responsible for increasing the United States Army Reserve Force Projection footprint to support the ever-growing Overseas Deployment Training missions from 400 Soldiers to over 1,000 Soldiers. During 2003 and 2004 she led the efforts to deploy over 800 individual healthcare providers in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN while sourcing medical units for all active operations in United States Central Command, European Command, and the continental United States based support missions.

In 2006, while serving in the United States Army Reserve Command’s Surgeon Office as the Chief, Medical Plans and Operations her planning was critical in maintaining the continuity of operations while transitioning from the ten Regional Readiness Commands to four Regional Support Commands and simultaneously maintaining the United States Army Reserve Command’s medical operations in light of the ongoing base realignment and closure mission. She planned, coordinated, and conducted quarterly synchronization meetings ensuring the prioritized, timely, and maximized use of the Individual Ready Reserve and Individual Mobilization Augmentation Soldiers in support of global Overseas Contingency Operations.

In 2007 she was recognized by the Commanding General of the Army Reserve and Secretary of the Army for her herculean efforts in the mobilization and deployment of thousands of Army Reserve Soldiers. Colonel