

As the Military Deputy for Budget to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller) since July 2008, Lieutenant General Stanton continued to be instrumental in resourcing the Army at war, and was also intimately involved in the planning for the force of the future in a rapidly changing strategic and economic environment. He helped senior Army leaders maintain a strategic focus in these efforts and craft a story that can be clearly understood by leaders at the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Congress.

Throughout his tenure as both the Director, Army Budget and Military Deputy for Budget, Lieutenant General Stanton forged and maintained countless valuable relationships with Congressional members and staffers, key leaders at the Office of Management and Budget, leadership in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and with his Service counterparts. These relationships were critical communications links when the Army needed to provide key information and have a voice in critical resource decisions that affected its programs. Lieutenant General Stanton's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully two generations of Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and their Families. His integrity and credibility are unsurpassed, and expertise is unquestioned. Lieutenant General Stanton's 40 years of service to our Army and the Nation can only be characterized as distinguished.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Paula M. Stanton, his son's Edgar "Chip" E. Stanton IV, LTC Paul Stanton, and William "Billy" Stanton, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING SACRIFICES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, every federal employee has repeated the following oath: "I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Within the past month, northern Virginia residents have attended services for two federal law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty: U.S. Park Police Sergeant Michael Andrew Boehm of Burke, Virginia, and National Park Service Ranger Margaret Anderson, who previously lived in Lovettsville, Virginia, before her post in Washington State.

I urge all members to read Washington Post columnist Joe Davidson's piece entitled "Park ranger's death highlight the risks in federal law enforcement," which I am submitting for the RECORD. This piece highlights the sacrifices made in 2011 by 13 federal law enforcement

officers who died in the line of duty, including: Senior Special Agent John Capano, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Special Agent Daniel "Danny" Lee Knapp, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Officer Bart Child, Fort Huachuca Police Department; Special Agent Timothy S. Briggs, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Customs and Border Protection; Border Patrol Agent Hector R. Clark, Customs and Border Protection; Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper, Bureau of Prisons; Deputy Marshal John Perry, U.S. Marshals Service; Park Ranger Julie Weir, National Park Service; Deputy Marshal Derek Hotsiniller, U.S. Marshals Service; Special Agent Jamie Zapata, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Park Ranger Chris Nickel, National Park Service.

Their sacrifices remind us that many federal employees are repeatedly put in dangerous situations. According to the Office of Personnel Management, since 1992, nearly 3,000 federal employees have paid the ultimate price while serving their country. The first American killed in Afghanistan, Mike Spann, was a CIA agent and a constituent from my congressional district. CIA, FBI, DEA agents, and State Department employees are serving side-by-side with our military in the fight against the Taliban. Customs and Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are working to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs across our borders. Federal firefighters work to protect federal lands and mitigate the spread of deadly fires.

Federal employees who are not in harm's way on a daily basis are also dedicated civil servants. The medical researchers at the National Institutes of Health working to develop cures for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and autism are all dedicated federal employees. Dr. Francis Collins, the physician who mapped the human genome and serves as director of the NIH, is a federal employee.

The National Weather Service meteorologist who tracks hurricanes, and the FDA inspector working to stop a salmonella outbreak, are federal employees. The ATF agents who were in Blacksburg, Virginia, immediately following last month's shooting are federal employees. These are but a few examples of the vital jobs performed by federal employees.

I thank all federal employees for their service to our nation, and know that all my colleagues are grateful to the families of those who have died while working to ensure that our country is a safer and better place.

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 4, 2012]

PARK RANGER'S DEATH HIGHLIGHTS THE RISKS IN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (By Joe Davidson)

In a stark reminder of how dangerous working for Uncle Sam can be, 13 federal law enforcement officers died in 2011. Then the new year began with the murder of an officer in an otherwise peaceful park.

Margaret Anderson, a ranger with the National Park Service, was gunned down in Washington state's Mount Rainier National Park on New Year's Day.

The day before, John Capano, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent, was killed in Seaford, N.Y., as he tried to stop a pharmacy thief. Capano, 51, who was off-duty at the time, apparently was mistakenly shot by another law enforcement officer, according to the Associated Press and New York media reports.

Last Thursday, Daniel Knapp, a 43-year-old FBI agent, drowned in Puerto Rico while trying to assist a distressed swimmer.

A day earlier, U.S. Park Police Sgt. Mike Boehm was buried. Boehm suffered a heart attack while on duty Dec. 16, trying to assist a man who plummeted from the Key Bridge in Georgetown.

Kevin Bacher, a ranger who served with Anderson at Mount Rainier, said she "always had a smile and always had a kind word and would bend over backward if you needed something."

Anderson, a 34-year-old mother of two girls who was married to another ranger, probably would have been more than willing to assist even the likes of Benjamin Colton Barnes. But the 24-year-old Iraq war veteran allegedly shot her before she could even get out of her car. He then fled into the woods, where he developed hypothermia and drowned in a creek.

Before transferring to Mount Rainier in 2008, Anderson was assigned to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park in Hagerstown.

"When I think of Margaret's tenure here, I think of her big smile. But she also was a no-nonsense law enforcement officer," said Kevin Brandt, the park's superintendent. Unlike many officers, she became an emergency medical technician "to provide that important service to visitors," he added. "She had a real love of nature. . . . She was a consummate ranger. She was everything that you'd want a ranger to be."

Anderson's death points to the perils that rangers face. "This tragedy serves as a reminder of the risks undertaken by the men and women of the National Park Service and law enforcement officers across the Department every day," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

Rangers are far more than park tour guides in peculiar hats. Particularly in remote parks, they carry out a variety of critical duties, including fighting fires, saving lives and being the cops many of them are authorized to be. There are two types of rangers, those with law enforcement powers such as Anderson, and interpretive rangers who have some of the same responsibilities but don't carry guns, wear body armor or confront killers.

Generally, guns and bulletproof vests are not necessary, because national parks are safe places. "Margaret Anderson's case was incredibly tragic for us, but it was very rare at the same time," said National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis.

Like Anderson, many park service employees have a strong sense of mission and devote their careers to protecting America's natural resources. "The Park Service . . . is a big family," said Jarvis, himself a 35-year Park Service veteran. "To lose one of the family is devastating to us."

While its people are devastated, he said, the Park Service "also will evaluate the situation in extraordinary detail to see if there is anything we can do to prevent this from happening in the future."

The 13 officers who died in the line of duty, including deaths from job-related illness and accidents, compares with just four in 2000 and 17 in 2007, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a nonprofit organization. "These officers selflessly put themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow Americans," said Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry. "All Americans are saddened by their loss, and grateful for the courage every Federal law enforcement officer shows daily as they keep our nation safe."

For all of the sadness the deaths bring, the killings of officers also generate understandable anger. When Jaime J. Zapata, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

agent, was killed in Mexico in February, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano did not mince words:

"Let me be clear: Any act of violence against our ICE personnel—or any DHS personnel—is an attack against all those who serve our nation and put their lives at risk for our safety."

OFFICERS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY LAST YEAR

Thirteen federal law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2011, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, a nonprofit organization. In addition to officers who were killed by gunfire, as National Park Service Ranger Margaret Anderson was on Sunday, the list includes officers who died because of job-related illnesses, such as heart attacks, or in vehicle and other accidents.

Senior Special Agent John Capano, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Dec. 31, New York.

Special Agent Daniel "Danny" Lee Knapp, FBI, Dec. 29, Puerto Rico.

Sgt. Michael Andrew Boehm, U.S. Park Police, Dec. 16, District of Columbia.

Officer Bart Child, Fort Huachuca Police Department, Aug. 18, Arizona.

Special Agent Timothy S. Briggs, FBI, May 31, Kentucky.

Border Patrol Agent Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Customs and Border Protection, May 12, Arizona.

Border Patrol Agent Hector R. Clark, Customs and Border Protection, May 12, Arizona.

Senior Officer Specialist Christopher Cooper, Bureau of Prisons, April 7, Kansas.

Deputy Marshal John Perry, U.S. Marshals Service, March 8, Missouri.

Park Ranger Julie Weir, National Park Service, Feb. 24, Nebraska.

Deputy Marshal Derek Hotsiniller, U.S. Marshals Service, Feb. 16, West Virginia.

Special Agent Jaime J. Zapata, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Feb. 15, Mexico.

Park Ranger Chris Nickel, National Park Service, Jan. 29, Utah.

HONORING CURTIS LUCILLE SANDERS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, one hundred years ago a virtuous woman of God, Curtis Lucille was born in Lawrenceville, Georgia on January 7, 1912 to Frank and Gussy Hutchins; and

Whereas, she was raised up at Macedonia Baptist Church in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and she married Mr. John W. Sanders and she had one son, Mr. Porter Lucas, Jr., and one daughter, Ms. Lizzie Ruth Flanigan and eleven grandchildren; and

Whereas, this phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Wife, Mother and Motivator, becoming a Georgia citizen of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all by always advancing the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 100th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Sanders on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim January 7, 2012, as Mrs. Curtis Lucille Sanders Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of January, 2011.

RECOGNIZING MARY CZEMERDA FOR RECEIVING THE CLEARVIEW FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S JOSEPH C. CIRELLI COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a skilled and selfless community leader for receiving an award for outstanding dedication to the greater good. Each year, the Clearview Federal Credit Union presents the Joseph C. Cirelli Community Service Award to an individual who works ardently and effectively to advance the foundational cause of a charity. This year's recipient is Mary Czemerda, Program Director for Lower Burrell Meals on Wheels. Thanks to Mary's exceptional managerial skills and kindhearted spirit, the Meals on Wheels program in Lower Burrell has grown from a small, church-based charity into a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. I am proud to represent a woman of such great character and ability in Congress.

Clearview's Award includes a \$2,500 donation to a charity of the recipient's choice. Mary has already given this money to Meals on Wheels. It will be used to feed five meal recipients who cannot afford the \$4 per day charge for an entire year.

Mary has been with Lower Burrell Meals on Wheels for the last seven years. She came to this organization desiring to be a driver, but due to her track record as a proven leader at the Alcoa Technical Center, she was almost immediately appointed to her current post. As program director, she records financial transactions, solicits donations and manages driver schedules. Her ability to adeptly juggle these multiple responsibilities is a testament to the wide range of her talents.

Mary began volunteering long before getting involved with Meals on Wheels. Over the years, she has done extensive work with scout troops, the United Way of Westmoreland

County and a number of religious education programs. Devotion to others has been the abiding theme of Mary's life. In addition to being a model philanthropist, she is a loving and dedicated wife, mother of three and grandmother of two.

Mary has said that the driving force behind her community service is her faith in the inherent goodness of the people she works with and serves. I share this faith; the kindness and selflessness of those I represent hold the communities of western Pennsylvania together. Mary's own example serves as clear evidence for this.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mary for receiving such a well-deserved honor.

HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE BANGOR REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorees of the 2012 Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. Founded in 1911, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce serves Bangor and 21 surrounding communities. The positive economic effects of the Bangor Chamber's committed advocacy can always be felt throughout the state.

Each year, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include John Bragg of N.H. Bragg, recipient of the Norbert X. Dowd Award; Habib Dagher of the University of Maine, recipient of the Catherine Lebowitz Award for Public Service; Nelson Durgin, recipient of the Arthur A. Comstock Professional Service Award; Sutherland Weston Marking Communications, recipient of the Bion and Dorain Foster Entrepreneurship Award; Cross Insurance, recipient of the Business of the Year Award; Bill Lucy and Peoples United Bank, recipient of the Community Service Award; Maine Discovery Museum, recipient of the Non-Profit of the Year Award; Bangor Greendrinks, recipient of the FLAVA (Fusion Leadership and Vision Award); and Husson Hospitality Program, recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

These nine recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to the communities and the region, Maine is a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce and these individuals on their outstanding service and achievement.