

issues associated with every controversial foreign arms sale proposal that has come before them. Since 1982 he has produced a comprehensive annual report for the Congress detailing the agreements and deliveries concluded by the world's conventional weapons suppliers, a work that has set the gold standard on this subject. Richard was also the editor and coauthor of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee print "Treaties and Other International Agreements: The Role of the United States Senate" the definitive reference document on this subject.

In the area of arms export control and oversight legislation, Richard has provided continuing expert support and advice to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, from the original drafting of the Arms Export Control Act in 1976 through its various periods of amendment to the present day. More recently, he directly supported the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's exhaustive review of the Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom. In this endeavor, Richard provided his specialized expertise to the committee on the complex issues posed by this treaty, from its proposal by the President in 2007 through the Committee's consideration and the Senate's advice and consent to it in September 2010.

In all of the examples I have noted, Richard Grimmett's institutional memory and command of the substance of the issues for which he has been responsible has made him an invaluable resource for the U.S. Congress at large and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in particular. I am confident that the Members of the Senate and the House join me in expressing our deepest appreciation to Richard for the extraordinary service he has provided to us over his long and distinguished career.

PRIVATE FLOOD INSURANCE

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I would like to discuss a provision of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which reaffirms that private flood insurance can be used to satisfy a mandatory purchase requirement. This provision defines the term "private flood insurance," and the definition makes a specific reference to private flood insurance from a surplus lines insurer in connection with non-residential commercial property coverage. I would note, however, that insurance provided by surplus lines insurers also can cover residential properties—particularly when licensed and admitted insurers are unwilling or unable to provide the desired coverage—and this is authorized under state insurance law. The provision defines private flood insurance to include insurance provided by an insurer "licensed, admitted, or otherwise approved" to engage in the business of insurance by a State. Surplus lines insurers, also

sometimes known as nonadmitted insurers, are approved to conduct such business by States. Is it the understanding of the Chairman that the "private flood insurance" definition includes surplus lines flood insurance coverage?

Mr. JOHNSON. I thank the Senator from Idaho for his question. The answer is yes—the definition of "private flood insurance" includes private flood insurance provided by a surplus lines insurer and is not intended to limit surplus lines eligibility to nonresidential properties. While the Senator is correct that surplus lines insurance is specifically mentioned in that context, overall the definition accommodates private flood insurance from insurers who are "licensed, admitted, or otherwise approved" in the State where the property is located.

Mr. CRAPO. I thank my friend from South Dakota for this important clarification. This is an important issue, particularly in those limited high-risk areas where surplus lines insurance serves as an essential part of the homeowners insurance market. I agree with his reading of the statute, because state law already sets the parameters as to when surplus lines insurance is acceptable.

HONOR FLIGHT 2012

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the Honor Flight Network and the four Alaskan World War II veterans who are participating in this year's flight: Robert J. Ingram, a veteran of the Navy from Fairbanks; and Louis E. Fessler, a veteran of the Army, Marc Stella, a veteran of the Marine Corps, and Joseph William Nugent, a veteran of the Army Air Corps, all from Anchorage.

The Honor Flight Network is a national program that provides free transportation to aging and ailing veterans to travel to Washington, DC, to visit and reflect at the memorials associated with the war in which they served.

Later this month, these four heroes are scheduled to go to military- and veteran-related museums and tour the Capitol. The highlight of this trip of a lifetime is a long anticipated visit to the World War II Memorial on the Mall. These veterans of the war to end all wars deserve our highest praise for their service. Like so many men of that great generation, they selflessly did their duty and are among the fortunate ones who were able to return to the civilian community and lead long and productive lives.

Mr. Ingram, Mr. Fessler, Mr. Stella, and Mr. NUGENT have our undying thanks and gratitude. Thanks are also in order to the Honor Flight Network for conceiving this program, to the flight guardians Julie Engfer and Heidi Matson from Fairbanks, and Val Stella from Anchorage, and to Alaska Airlines for donating airline tickets to all of the travelers.

I urge all Alaskans and Americans to reflect on the service of Bob, Louie, Marc, and Bill and our other remaining World War II vets and all veterans who have made sacrifices for our Nation throughout its history.

RECOGNIZING LOUISBURG COLLEGE

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I am very proud to extend my recognition and congratulations to Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC as this wonderful academic institution celebrates 225 years of maintaining an engaging and enriching community for its students, faculty, and staff.

This year, marking the 225th anniversary of the founding of Louisburg College, we give the members of the Louisburg community as well as the State of North Carolina the opportunity to pay tribute and homage to a place of academic excellence that has impacted many and helped thousands continue on the journey of excellence in all academic fields.

Louisburg College traces its historical roots back to the 18th century during the American Revolution. Having evolved from three earlier institutions—Franklin Male Academy, Louisburg Female Academy, and Louisburg Female College—Louisburg College is the oldest two-year residential college in the Nation and the only one in North Carolina.

The college is praised for years for its value, personal teaching methods, diversity, familial environment, and the way it prepares its students for future success. Today, Louisburg College is led by Dr. Mark D. LaBranche, who became the College's 27th president in January of 2009.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Louisburg College in Louisburg, NC for its continued outstanding achievement in upholding, protecting, and pioneering academic standards and providing an enriching community for its students, faculty, and staff. May Louisburg College's achievements and successes be recognized and forever appreciated by the citizens of North Carolina as well as this Congress.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING WILLIAM E. SCHULZE

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor William E. Schulze, a veteran of World War II.

It is my honor to share the story of William's service in World War II, because no story of bravery—and especially not one from our "greatest generation"—should ever be forgotten.

Bill was born in Milwaukee, WI. A Golden Glove Boxing Champion, Bill was working for the Pacific Bridge Company at Pearl Harbor as a welder when our Nation came under attack on December 7, 1941. Bill soon joined the Navy and put his skills to use in the

302nd Construction Battalion—known as the Sea-Bees. Bill and his unit went from island to island across the Pacific building floating bridges from cargo ships to landing areas so that supplies could reach American troops onshore. When one mission was complete, Bill and the Sea-Bees packed up their bridges and moved to the next island in support of America's victories in the Pacific. Bill supported U.S. troops in Guam, Saipan, New Guinea and the Philippines, just to name a few. Without Bill's efforts, our troops would have been left without needed arms and supplies as they battled Japan's Imperial Army.

Bill earned the medals we will present today for his service during World War II, but I would be remiss not to mention his service in support of veterans long after the war concluded.

After World War II, Bill headed back to Wisconsin, started a family, and worked for 45 years as an engineer and a welder.

After his wife's passing, his love for the outdoors brought him to Billings where he remarried and made the lives of his fellow veterans a little easier.

Mind you, Bill was getting up in years himself by this point, but that didn't stop him from volunteering as a driver for Disabled American Veterans. In fact, Bill's last award before retiring once again was for driving more than 10,000 miles, taking veterans back and forth to their medical appointments all over Montana.

But today we honor Bill's heroic service during World War II.

After his service, Bill Schulze did not receive all the medals he earned from the Navy. Earlier this month, it was my honor to finally present William's widow Betty with the American Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Sharp Shooter Rifle Ribbon.

It was also my honor to present the Navy Discharge Button, the Honorable Service Lapel Pin, and an additional Bronze Star to the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

They are presented on behalf of a grateful nation.●

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS W. HOLZHEIMER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Lewis W. Holzheimer, a veteran of World War II. Lewis, on behalf of all Montanans and all Americans, I thank you for your service to this Nation.

It is my honor to share the story of Lewis Holzheimer's service in World War II because no story of heroism should ever fall through the cracks.

Lewis was born in Neihart, MT.

He was working as a lineman's apprentice in Cascade County when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He tried to enlist

in Seattle but was turned away, because he did not have his birth certificate. He successfully enlisted in Montana and was sent to Fort Benning, GA, where he was trained to operate heavy weapons and was assigned to operate a Browning automatic rifle.

He was assigned to Company G, of the 60th Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division. He arrived in Normandy in early July 1944 on D-day plus 30. On August 8, 1944, Lewis was participating in the Battle of the Hedge Rows when he was wounded in the foot. After recovering, he headed back to his unit, only to find that they had been wiped out by what was believed to be a V-2 rocket attack. It turned out to be friendly fire.

Lewis said the blast made a hole in the ground that looked like a deep mine crater.

Lewis was reassigned to Company B in the same regiment. On December 12, his unit was responsible for an attack on the town of Hoven in Belgium for which they were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Lewis demonstrated outstanding bravery during that attack and was promoted to staff sergeant.

His unit went on to see heavy action in the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest from late 1944 until early 1945. On the 1st of February 1945, Lewis's company was cut off from the rest of his regiment and was pinned down by sniper fire. The members of the company took turns running back toward the nearest American forces. When Lewis ran, he was shot under his left arm. When he informed his scout that he was wounded and would have to seek medical attention, a shell exploded near them. Despite being severely wounded, Lewis insisted that his scout be taken to the hospital first. He was informed that the scout was dead, was carried to a jeep, and was then taken to the nearest field hospital.

Lewis nearly lost his leg and underwent several years of surgery and rehabilitation. He still carries the shrapnel in him today.

After his service, Lewis Holzheimer never received the medals he earned from the Army.

Last month, in the presence of his family, it was my honor to finally present to Lewis his Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, and his Presidential Unit Citation.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

These medals are presented on behalf of a grateful Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO HERBERT S. KINDSFATER

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Herbert S. Kindsfater, a veteran of World War II. Herb, on behalf of all Montanans and all Ameri-

cans, I thank you for your service to this Nation.

It is my honor to share the story of Herb Kindsfater's service to our Nation. Herb was born in Rocky Fort, CO. At the age of 17, he tried to join the Navy, but was turned away. He was told he could join the Army or work in the Butte silver mines, and he chose the Army.

Herb was a machine gunner in Company H, 172nd Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division—the "Green Mountain Boys" of Vermont. Herb's unit served in the Pacific Theater. He engaged in combat in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, where he suffered injuries from shrapnel.

In the Philippines, Herb and his fellow soldiers fought mile-by-mile to reach Manila. They then took the island of Luzon. At Ipo Dam, Herb was badly wounded in both arms, and he spent months recuperating in a hospital.

After his military service, Herb moved to Billings where he married his wife Betty and worked for the railroad. During the first several years of their marriage, he still suffered from malaria that he had contracted in the war.

After serving his country with honor, Herb never received all of the medals he earned from the Army.

Earlier this month, in the presence of his wife Betty and his son Bruce, it was my honor to finally present to Herb his Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a Good Conduct Medal.

It was also my honor to present a Presidential Unit Citation, an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, and a World War II Victory Medal.

Earlier this month, I also presented to Herb a Combat Infantry Badge First Award, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, and a Honorable Service Lapel Button.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

These medals are presented on behalf of a grateful nation.●

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS J. WELLS

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Nicholas J. Wells, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Nicholas, on behalf of all Montanans and all Americans, thank you for your service to this Nation.

It is my honor to share the story of Nicholas Wells' service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After graduating high school in Darby, MT, Nicholas completed basic training at Fort Knox and trained at Camp Irwin, CA. He became an Army scout assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, 2-9 Cavalry Regiment.

Nicholas arrived in Iraq in October 2005. He served in the north and central zones near Baghdad, Mosul, Adwar and