

as he remembered visiting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"It was tough. I've been there many times, and the crazy thing about it is that it gets tougher every time."

Parrish, a member of KET's Friends Board, a volunteer organization which promotes KET in counties statewide, was born and raised in Bardstown, where he still lives. He operated his family business manufacturing concrete blocks for many years, and later opened a bookstore he and his wife, Judy, operated for nearly two decades.

Parrish's National Guard battery was "infused" with soldiers from New Hampshire. Infusion was a military policy designed to prevent too many men from the same hometown from dying in a single incident from the same unit.

In Bardstown's case, however, the policy wasn't enough to thwart fate.

During their training and tour, the soldiers from Nelson County worked seamlessly as perhaps only men who had once been boys together can. In fact, the unit not only contained boyhood friends, but seven sets of brothers and many cousins as well.

"We were declared to be the top firing battery in all of Southeast Asia because we were so effective and efficient," he said with pride. "Why? Because we went to school together and we knew each other. So when it came time to do our job, we did it well."

An attack by the Viet Cong on a rainy night at the difficult-to-defend Firebase Tomahawk, however, was too much for even the best of the best. In that summer of 1969, four Bardstown boys were killed, plus another from "A" Battery of nearby Carrollton.

The story of that loss, one of the worst suffered from any town during the war, has brought news outlets, television documentaries, and authors to Parrish's door, and he has been interviewed by CNN, CBS Sunday Morning, and more about the fatal attack. He also shared his experience with KET in Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War: In Their Own Words.

"There are a lot of guys who don't talk about it—except to me," said Parrish, who returned to Vietnam and Firebase Tomahawk in 1995, accompanied by other vets and WHAS-TV, which produced a program on the trip.

"War is really difficult to win when you are on the enemy's turf. That war could have been won had restraints been removed," he said.

"In fact, it is said by many, and I agree with them, that the war was won—because its purpose was to stop the spread of Communism among the Far Eastern nations. And to that end, we won the war."

When Parrish talks about Vietnam, he also remembers the good times, the camaraderie, and fond memories, like the two guys from Bloomfield, Ky., who raced one another with 95-pound Howitzer rounds in each hand.

He has photographs, now fading, of the people he met—like the Catholic priest who still served at the same church when Parrish returned in 1995. The stray dogs they adopted. The bunkers where they slept at night. These memories became a part of who he is.

"I'm proud of my service," Parrish reflected. "I think we did well, and I'm sorry to lose friends, but that's a part of war—a terrible part of war."

#### TRIBUTE TO MARTIN HATFIELD

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate a distinguished Kentuckian and accomplished attorney, Martin Hatfield. Mr. Hatfield recently received the honor of being se-

lected as Pulaski County's "Attorney of the Year."

Mr. Hatfield, a native of Nancy, KY, graduated from Nancy High School in 1976. The importance of a good education was instilled in him from a young age by his parents who themselves were educators. There was no question Mr. Hatfield would continue his education after graduating high school, but he was not yet ready to leave home. When the Somerset Community College presented him with a scholarship to play basketball, Mr. Hatfield accepted, allowing him not only to stay close to home, but also to fulfill his dream of playing college basketball.

Upon graduating from SCC, he decided to move on to Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Hatfield, interested in pursuing a career in Federal law enforcement, began working as a dispatcher and deputy sheriff with the Pulaski County Sheriff's office. Watching the trials sparked his love for the legal side of the justice system and inspired him to apply to law school.

Mr. Hatfield was accepted to the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, from which he graduated in 1981 and returned to Pulaski County. He served as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney for Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties and then went on to serve as assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky for 16 years before running for the position of Pulaski County attorney.

In an effort to give back to the community that had given so much to his family throughout his life, Mr. Hatfield ran for county attorney and has held the position since his election in 2010. He now also serves on the boards of many organizations, such as the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Governor's Kentucky Criminal Justice Council. Recently, he was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin as one of three county attorneys from across Kentucky to serve on the Attorney General's Prosecutors Advisory Council.

This year, Martin Hatfield was chosen as Pulaski County's "Attorney of the Year," and he attributes his success to the support of his family, the education and confidence boost provided to him by SCC, and the dedication of his staff. I want to congratulate Mr. Hatfield for his years of service as an attorney in Pulaski County. I am sure his wife and children are very proud of him, and Kentucky is glad to have benefitted from his work and service.

An area publication, the Commonwealth Journal, recently published an article announcing Mr. Hatfield as county "Attorney of the Year." I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Commonwealth Journal, Sept. 6, 2016]

SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALUMNI  
SPOTLIGHT: PULASKI COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MARTIN HATFIELD

Although he now serves his home community in a high-profile role, Pulaski County Attorney Martin Hatfield wasn't always a fan of the limelight. In fact, the Nancy native and basketball stand-out credits his time at Somerset Community College (SCC) with helping him become more confident in himself as a student and leader.

Hatfield graduated from Nancy High School in 1976. His parents, Avery and Lois Hatfield, always encouraged education in their home.

"My parents were both educators," Hatfield said. "My sisters and I saw the value of having a good education firsthand. High school was seen as a milestone in the educational process, not the end."

Given that Hatfield was expected to continue his education after high school, and had the opportunity to play college basketball, his decision to attend Somerset Community College was an easy one, he said.

"At 17, I wasn't ready to leave home," Hatfield said. "SCC was part of the University of Kentucky system and had a basketball team. I was offered a scholarship to play there and took the opportunity."

Most of Hatfield's memories and stories about his college days at SCC revolved around his time on the court.

"Playing at SCC gave me the opportunity to fulfill a dream of playing basketball in college," said Hatfield, who was part of the last organized SCC basketball team. "The community really pitched in to support the program by feeding us, giving us a place to practice and play, and by attending the games."

After graduating from SCC, Hatfield chose to transfer to Eastern Kentucky University. He wanted to go into federal law enforcement, so he paid his dues by working as a dispatcher and deputy sheriff with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and watching trials. There, he developed a love for the legal side of the justice system and was later accepted to the University of Louisville School of Law, now known as the Brandeis School of Law.

Hatfield graduated from law school in 1981 and came back to his home county to give back.

"I chose to come back home," Hatfield said. "I knew I wanted to marry and have a family someday and that I wanted to raise my children here in Pulaski County. My wife (Debbie, a kindergarten teacher at Pulaski Elementary) and I have done just that. Pulaski County has been very good to my family throughout the years, which is one reason I ran for County Attorney . . . to give back to a community that has given so much to me."

In addition to his service as County Attorney, a role he has held since being elected in 2010, Hatfield also serves on the boards of the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Governor's Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, Kentucky County Attorneys Association, Somerset Community College Foundation, and is the Kentucky County Attorney's representative to the Kentucky Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee. He was also recently appointed by Governor Matt Bevin as one of three county attorneys from across Kentucky to serve on the Attorney General's Prosecutors Advisory Council. He is a member of Sievers Lodge #491 and First Baptist Church. Most recently, Hatfield was recognized as Outstanding County Attorney at the Kentucky Prosecutors Conference.

Before becoming the Pulaski County Attorney, Hatfield served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky for 16 years. Prior to that, he served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Pulaski and Rockcastle counties for almost five years.

His path, he said, has been greatly influenced by his family and education.

"SCC provided someone like me, who was a little shy and backward, with the opportunity to not only learn, but to be comfortable in a new environment," Hatfield said.

Hatfield's sisters both attended SCC as well, he said, and having the opportunity to know everyone from the college president to his professors to his teammates, made a difference.

"I grew so much during my time at SCC," Hatfield said. "My self-esteem was built through small classes and professors who took a personal interest in me. When I left SCC, I knew I could excel in a college environment."

Today, Hatfield stays connected to the college through his service on the SCC Foundation board.

"This is a small community," he said. "We all live here and are invested in each other. I feel certain the education I received at SCC played a big role in my success in life and supporting our local educational opportunities only strengthens our city and county for the next generation."

Spending his career in public service, Hatfield said, has given him the opportunity to help set people up to achieve and succeed, not fail.

"It all starts with good raising and good education, and I was blessed to have both," Hatfield said. "As County Attorney, one of the things I try to do is to help people understand what tools they need to change their lives and become contributing members of their community. I firmly believe education is one of the major tools necessary to accomplish that."

#### RECOGNIZING MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Manchester Memorial Hospital located in Manchester, KY. Originally the Oneida Mountain Hospital founded in the mid to late 1920s, Manchester Memorial Hospital is now a 63-bed, acute care, nonprofit Christian community hospital.

James Anderson Burns and Dr. C. Adeline McConville, an optometrist from New York City, founded the original hospital in the early 1900s. In the late 1930s, when McConville's failing health forced her to retire, a board of trustees was selected, and the hospital deeded to the State of Kentucky so it could receive State funding. In 1952, the State returned the hospital back to the remaining original trustees.

The doors reopened in 1955 and by the mid-1960s, the hospital had an average occupancy of 139 percent. The logical next step was to build a new hospital. After many years of hard work fundraising and negotiating, construction was completed in 1971 on a tract of land in the Lytleton area.

I would like to extend my thanks to the leadership and staff at Manchester Memorial for their hard work and dedi-

cation to helping the people of Kentucky, and I congratulate them on 45 years in their new hospital. Though it started small, today Manchester Memorial Hospital has more than 500 employees and averages 60,000 patient visits each year. It is the parent organization for five home healthcare offices serving 14-plus counties in Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia and has been twice named a "100 Top Hospital in America."

An area publication, the Manchester Enterprise, recently published a piece announcing the 45th anniversary of Manchester Memorial Hospital. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From The Manchester Enterprise, Sept. 8, 2016]

#### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OPENS THEIR DOORS

In September 1971 patients were transferred from Oneida Hospital to the new Memorial Hospital

Manchester Memorial Hospital is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. The hospital started from humble beginnings as Oneida Mountain Hospital, which began in the mid-to-late 20s by founder James Anderson Burns, founder of Oneida Baptist Institute, and Dr. C. Adeline McConville, an optometrist from New York City.

It was Anderson's dream to bring a hospital to the area, and Dr. McConville was captivated by his pursuit of it. She pledged to return to the mountains with him and work to open a hospital.

Dr. McConville operated the hospital until the late 1930s, when failing health forced her to retire.

A Board of Trustees was selected and the hospital deeded to the state of Kentucky so it could receive state funding. It operated under their leadership until 1952, when the state returned the hospital back to the remaining original trustees.

The late Mr. Thomas Britton sought diligently for an organization to come operate the hospital. Through the advice of a friend, he contacted the Seventh Day Adventist Church and they accepted the challenge.

Due to the building being vacant, their first task was to make it usable again. Through various donations they re-opened the doors after a three-year hiatus on August 22, 1955.

Over the years, the hospital continued to grow and by the mid-60s had an average occupancy of 139 percent. There were times when the 22-bed hospital had 49 patients. The clinic was equally as crowded. The choice was obvious—build a new hospital.

Fund raising began with the plan to build another hospital in the Oneida area. Plans were drawn and submitted, but the Department of Health would not approve the site.

Hospital Administrator Herb Davis, with Dr. W.E. Becknell, negotiated through Mr. Saul Goins to build the hospital on a tract of land in the Lytleton area that Mr. Goins farmed on. But there was a problem; there was no bridge to the land.

Mr. Isom Hensley started a letter-writing campaign to the Department of Highways to request a bridge be built. The State approved the bridge, and now the attention turned to raising money for construction.

Mrs. Marie Langdon and Mr. Bill Baker started soliciting donations for the construction. The Clay County Jaycees each pledged \$200 apiece towards the construction.

The dream of a new hospital became a reality in late 1969 as approval was given and construction began in 1970. The hospital was completed in mid-1971 and the transfer of patients from Oneida to Manchester was made in September of that year.

Here's a look at the story from September 9, 1971 where the hospital was moved from Oneida to Manchester:

Patients and equipment vacated the century-old Oneida Hospital in what was described as one of the quickest moves in the annals of hospital history.

Herb Davis, administrator of Memorial Hospital in Manchester, said the 23 patients at Oneida were moved in "record time" and without a "single incident." All were brought to the new Memorial Hospital in Manchester.

Only three of the patients were able to sit up for the ride from Oneida to Manchester.

The move was accomplished through the help of both local funeral homes, who provided ambulances and personnel to transport the patients 17 miles in distance.

At the same time the patients were moving, much of the medical care equipment needed by patients was moved.

In one case, a patient was taken off the operating table following surgery and the table was removed while he was in recovery to be transported.

Statistics on the move as released by hospital officials list Mrs. Webb, 93, of Burning Springs as the last patient to leave Oneida Hospital.

Mrs. Ester McIntosh was the last person to receive surgery in the old hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones were parents of the last baby born at the hospital.

The first baby born at Memorial Hospital in Manchester was born to Cassie and Charles Stewart of Sibert, Ky.

The move was accomplished through a 40-hour continuous effort by many of the hospital's staff, who got things ready for the move, then set up again when the move was complete.

By noon, Tuesday, eight new babies had been born at the hospital and 29 patients were on the register.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: