

For more than 30 years, the Coats family has been the epitome of Kentucky ingenuity and progress. In 1978, they began Southland Manufacturing Company, which has evolved into SMC Manufacturing Services, and now employ more than 140 people at its Nicholasville, Kentucky, headquarters.

Recently, I had the chance to visit SMC and tour their 45,000-square-foot facility, which helps to build components for the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station, or CROWS. This product is a stabilized mount that contains a sensor suite and fire control software, allowing on-the-move target acquisition and first-burst target engagement.

This facility has increased by 20,000 square feet in 2016 and has the ability to house more than 300 employees, drawing its employees from counties in the Sixth District and surrounding counties.

However, SMC not only supplies companies in Kentucky, but across the United States and abroad. One example of where SMC supports the defense of this Nation is their partnership with Kongsberg Protech Systems, KPS, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, which is located in the district of my friend and colleague Congressman KEITH ROTHFUS.

Today, with more than 15,000 CROWS in service, this weapon system can be found on more than 25 different platforms in the United States arsenal, including the Stryker, MRAP, Abrams, and Amphibious Combat Vehicle. It is a tested, proven system that is relied on by the Army, the Navy, and the Marines.

I applaud SMC for being a veteran-friendly workplace and a manufacturing company that is proud to employ about an equal number of men and women. I am pleased to support job-creating manufacturing companies like SMC and KPS which positively impact States like Kentucky and help to strengthen our national security capabilities while supporting our veterans.

THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. O'ROURKE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep concern about the safety and security of the community that I represent and of this country.

El Paso, Texas, the city that I am so fortunate to serve and represent in Congress, happens to be the safest city not just in the State of Texas, but in the entire United States. There are a number of reasons for that: We have outstanding local law enforcement, whether it is the Sheriff's Department or El Paso City Police, State DPS troopers or Federal law enforcement, Border Patrol agents, Customs and Border Protection officers, and the agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A big part of the explanation for our safety is the fact that 24 percent of the people that I represent were born in another country. They have come to this country to do better, to get ahead, and to contribute to our success and to the American Dream. It is also because everyone in the community of El Paso feels comfortable and safe in reporting crime, in testifying and coming forward—especially in cases of domestic abuse—to local authorities.

That is why I am so concerned after I received a call last night from the El Paso County judge, Veronica Escobar, to share with me an incident that happened last week in the El Paso County Courthouse, where a woman, undocumented Mexican national, had gone to the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence out of fear for her life after being abused, she alleged, by her boyfriend.

The Center Against Sexual and Family Violence escorted her to the El Paso County Courthouse to receive a protection order. The judge granted that order. But in that courtroom where the judge granted the order were, according to the county attorney, the county judge, and the judge who presided over that trial, agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement who escorted the domestic abuse survivor out of the courthouse and into detention and perhaps deportation to Mexico.

We will not continue to be the safest city in America. We will not continue to contribute to the safety of the United States and to the State of Texas if people don't feel comfortable reporting domestic abuse, reporting crimes, serving as witnesses, and working with law enforcement.

I urge this President, this administration, to send an unequivocal message to the Federal agents working in El Paso and every single one of our communities that it is imperative for the safety and security of this country and every person who is in this country that we respect all people of all communities regardless of their immigration status.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

We are the safest community in the United States because every person in our community feels safe. They feel safe because they can report crime to the authorities; they can report cases of domestic abuse to the authorities. And, through our work together, we are the safest city. We are going to lose this if we can't continue on this manner. If anyone has a question or problem about this, please contact my office at (915) 541-1400.

Somos la comunidad más segura de los Estados Unidos porque cualquier persona en nuestra comunidad se siente segura. Se siente segura porque puede reportar el crimen a las autoridades, pueden reportar los casos de abuso doméstico a las autoridades. Y trabajando juntos, somos la ciudad más segura. Vamos a perder esto si no

podemos continuar en esta manera. Si alguien tiene pregunta o problema con esto, por favor llámenos a nuestra oficina (915) 541-1400.

Mr. Speaker, if anyone in the community of El Paso is concerned, fears that they will not be able to come forward to report crime or domestic abuse, has a question and wants my help, I want to be there for them. They need to call me: (915) 541-1400.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to be the safest city in America when every member of our community feels safe, can work with law enforcement, and when law enforcement respects every single member of our community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

THE IMPACT OF REPEALING TITLE X REGULATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the title X resolution of disapproval that will be on the floor later today.

This misguided resolution will limit access to critical healthcare services by allowing States to cherry-pick which family planning providers they want to participate in the title X program.

Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans rely on family planning clinics for cancer screenings, well-woman exams, birth control, and sexually transmitted disease screenings and treatment. Eighty-five percent of the people served by these clinics have incomes below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, and 48 percent of them are uninsured. Furthermore, at least half of family planning clinics are located in rural and underserved communities already with limited access to health care.

If this resolution passes, politicians in any State or community will be able to interfere with eligible and competent title X providers who care for the most vulnerable and underserved in our country. The only factors that should ever dictate eligibility to provide family planning health services are professional competency and State licensure.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.J. Res. 43 and protect healthcare access for 4 million Americans who rely on the title X clinics for their care.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS DURING WORLD WAR II

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I include in the RECORD the names of the men and women who died in World War

II while posted in Normandy, specifically the African-American men and women whom I will speak about.

NAMES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN BURIED AT NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY (NAC)

The 320th Battalion served with distinction during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. That day, the 320th lost two of their own, Corporals Brooks Stith and Henry Harris.

CPL Brooks Stith was born in 1922. While he was originally from North Carolina, he enlisted in the Army in Richmond, VA in December 1942. Corporal Stith had a family and made a living working with metal before the war. He was decorated with the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

CPL Henry J. Harris was born in 1907. While he was originally from Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the Army in Boston, MA in April 1941. He was single and worked in furniture manufacturing before the war. Corporal Harris was decorated with the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

PFC James M. McLean was born in 1922 and enlisted in the Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in December 1942. He was single and worked as a farm laborer before the war. Private First Class McLean was decorated with the American Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal. He was a member of the 320th who died later on July 16, 1944.

Others buried at the NAC are listed below:

PFC Elihue E. Baltimore from Indiana of 963 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 28th, 1945. He was 27 years old. PFC Elihue E. Baltimore is buried in plot B, row 3, grave number 20. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PFC Howard Anderson from Virginia of 3878 QM GAS SUP CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 6th, 1944. He was 32 years old. PFC Howard Anderson is buried in plot B, row 6, grave number 43. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

CPL Roy Bell from Pennsylvania of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 21 years old. CPL Roy Bell is buried in plot G, row 13, grave number 12. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT James Blair from South Carolina of 4090 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 10th, 1944. He was 22 years old. PVT James Blair is buried in plot A, row 1, grave number 37. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT John S. Brannon, Jr. from Massachusetts of 502 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 7th, 1944. He was 29 years old. PVT John S. Brannon, Jr. is buried in plot H, row 25, grave number 3. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT Vernon F. Campbell from New York of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 24 years old. PVT Vernon F. Campbell is buried in plot J, row 6, grave number 35. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT Andrew Collins, Jr. from Wisconsin of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. PVT Andrew Collins, Jr. is buried in plot J, row 12, grave number 35. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

SGT Willie L. Collins from Georgia of 490 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 6th, 1944. He was 22 years old. SGT Willie L. Collins is buried in plot F, row 28, grave number 31. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 4 Oscar W. Davis from Texas of 815 TRK CO served his country honorably during

WWII and died on June 10th, 1944. TEC 4 Oscar W. Davis is buried in plot D, row 11, grave number 25. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 Howard F. Ellis from Virginia of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 38 years old. TEC 5 Howard F. Ellis is buried in plot E, row 13, grave number 14. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 William Gray from Mississippi of 3393 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 28th, 1944. He was 20 years old. TEC 5 William Gray is buried in plot C, row 9, grave number 16. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

M SGT Zylphus L. Greene from Pennsylvania of 237 QM SALV COLL CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 27 years old. M SGT Zylphus L. Greene is buried in plot B, row 8, grave number 44. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT Charlie G. Harvey from Illinois of 3275 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 27th, 1944. He was 22 years old. PVT Charlie G. Harvey is buried in plot I, row 16, grave number 10. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

CPL Joseph N. Head from New Jersey of 3912 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 16th, 1944. CPL Joseph N. Head is buried in plot J, row 26, grave number 28. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

SGT Luther J. Irvin, Jr. from Indiana of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 29 years old. SGT Luther J. Irvin, Jr. is buried in plot G, row 19, grave number 31. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PVT Eugene Jones from Illinois of 3275 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 30th, 1944. He was 22 years old. PVT Eugene Jones is buried in plot G, row 24, grave number 17. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

CPL James A. Long from Mississippi of 4090 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 10th, 1944. He was 27 years old. CPL James A. Long is buried in plot A, row 18, grave number 37. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

1 SGT Willis G. Peele from North Carolina of 4454 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 21st, 1945. He was 29 years old. 1 SGT Willis G. Peele is buried in plot D, row 1, grave number 24. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 James G. Richardson from Texas of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 34 years old. TEC 5 James G. Richardson is buried in plot H, row 5, grave number 19. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 Robert J. Self from Virginia of 237 QM SALV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 29th, 1944. He was 29 years old. TEC 5 Robert J. Self is buried in plot E, row 9, grave number 14. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 Edward J. Thompson from Mississippi of 388 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 6th, 1945. He was 28 years old. TEC 5 Edward J. Thompson is buried in plot D, row 13, grave number 41. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

TEC 5 Lee H. Watson from Arkansas of 494 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 12th, 1945. TEC 5 Lee H. Watson is buried in plot B, row 19, grave number 11. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PFC William D. Adams from Alabama of 1323 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 20th, 1944. He was 31 years old.

PFC Joseph Allen from Mississippi of 244 QM BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on February 3rd, 1945. He was 26 years old.

TEC 4 Florzell Anderson from New Jersey of 3116 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 19th, 1945. He was 23 years old.

PVT Issac R. Anderson, Jr. from South Carolina of 4148 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 31st, 1944. He was 20 years old.

PVT James R. Anderson from Indiana of 513 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on October 9th, 1944. He was 21 years old.

TEC 5 Alvin T. Austin from Texas of 549 ENGR L PON CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 9th, 1945.

TEC 5 Daniel Batts from Virginia of 485 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 20th, 1945. He was 38 years old.

PVT William E. Beadle from Georgia of 511 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 29th, 1945. He was 21 years old.

PVT E. L. Bolton from Tennessee of 3453 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 15th, 1945. He was 25 years old.

PVT Dan Bouie, Jr. from Georgia of 821 AMPH TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 21st, 1945. He was 20 years old.

SGT Bennie Boyd from South Carolina of 516 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 31st, 1945. He was 24 years old.

TEC 5 Rochester Boyd, Sr. from Florida of 3398 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 1st, 1944. He was 24 years old.

PVT Samuel S. Branson, Jr. from Pennsylvania of 4190 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 12th, 1944. He was 24 years old.

TEC 5 Clyde Bridges from Georgia of 3519 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 24th, 1945.

CPL Henry Brown from New Jersey of 999 FA BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 18th, 1944. He was 27 years old.

PFC Otis Brown from Georgia of 388 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on October 12th, 1944. He was 24 years old.

PFC William Law Campbell from New York of 435 ENGR DUMP TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 4th, 1945. He was 34 years old.

SGT Robert Carey from Louisiana of 3399 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 11th, 1944. He was 20 years old.

PFC Earlie Carothers from Mississippi of 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 7th, 1944. He was 25 years old.

PVT William Carter from Michigan of 3862 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 8th, 1944.

PVT Harold K. Chambers from Kansas of 452 AAA AW BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 6th, 1944.

PVT Len Cleveland from Georgia of 501 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 1st, 1945.

PFC Willie F. Cooper from Illinois of 399 QM LDRY CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 9th, 1944. He was 34 years old.

STM2C Clarence N. Copeland from New York of USNR served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 8th, 1944.

TEC 5 Eddie B. Culpepper, Jr. from Georgia of 17 SP SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 21st, 1945.

TEC 4 Hoyt N. Daniels, Jr. from Arkansas of 414 PORT CD served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 19th, 1945.

PFC William E. Davis from Pennsylvania of 515 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 26th, 1945. He was 21 years old.

TEC 4 Dawson E. Dennis from Pennsylvania of 658 PORT CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 20th, 1945. He was 31 years old.

PVT Cecil Dorsett from New York of 815 TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 24th, 1944. He was 34 years old.

CPL Edward L. Drasdell from Kentucky of 4270 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 5th, 1944.

CPL Randolph Easter from New York of 3867 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 21st, 1945. He was 33 years old.

TEC 5 Cyrus S. Elliott from Arkansas of 514 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 5th, 1944. He was 23 years old.

PVT Leo A. Fair from South Carolina of 4083 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 12th, 1944. He was 21 years old.

PFC Harold G. Foster from New York of 818 TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 12th, 1944. He was 28 years old.

PVT Sidney B. Fountain from Mississippi of 3135 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 3rd, 1945. He was 22 years old.

MS Earlie J. Gabriel from North Carolina of USMM served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 14th, 1944.

PVT Victor H. Gamble from Missouri of 365 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 4th, 1945. He was 32 years old.

TEC 5 Frank Glenn from Texas of 1310 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 22nd, 1945. He was 31 years old.

PVT Jessie Goode from North Carolina of 3556 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 7th, 1945. He was 22 years old.

PFC Lester Goodman from North Carolina of 3193 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 16th, 1944. He was 24 years old.

TEC 5 Ross Graham from South Carolina of 3138 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 29th, 1944. He was 23 years old.

TEC 5 Tom Griggs from Ohio of 3682 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 24th, 1944.

TEC 5 Thomas Hammonds from North Carolina of 392 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 30th, 1944. He was 31 years old.

SGT Alex Hansboro from Texas of 434 PORT CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 21st, 1945. He was 22 years old.

PVT John H. Harris from the District of Columbia of 1323 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 20th, 1944. He was 30 years old.

PVT Roberta Hawkins from Texas of 3869 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 9th, 1945. He was 23 years old.

CPL Charlie L. Herndon from Kentucky of 4083 QM V CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 12th, 1944. He was 23 years old.

PVT William Hester from Arkansas of 306 RHD CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 10th, 1944.

CPL Jimmie Hicks from Georgia of 1323 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 6th, 1944. He was 22 years old.

TEC 5 Roy Hill from Oklahoma of 483 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on February 3rd, 1945.

PFC Horace Horton from North Carolina of 499 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 3rd, 1945. He was 30 years old.

PVT Harrison Hubbard from Arkansas of 3867 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 4th, 1944.

PVT George Jackson from Ohio of 624 PORT CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 23rd, 1945. He was 29 years old.

CPL Jinse C. Jackson from Kentucky of 549 ENGR L PON CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 8th, 1945. He was 27 years old.

PVT Pete L. Jarber from Kentucky of 74 CML GENERATOR CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 2nd, 1944. He was 21 years old.

1 SGT Gelain J. Jefferson from Pennsylvania of 4335 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 14th, 1945. He was 22 years old.

PFC Henry Jefferson from Louisiana of 988th QM Service Co served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 20th, 1944. He was 28 years old.

PVT James H. Jeffries from Pennsylvania of 509 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 23rd, 1945. He was 20 years old.

TEC 5 Albert Jenkins from New Jersey of 485 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 30th, 1944.

PVT William H. Johnson from Virginia of 306 RHD CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 7th, 1944. He was 22 years old.

TEC 5 John T. Jones from Virginia of 502 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 19th, 1944. He was 21 years old.

SGT Melvin Jones from Georgia of 364 ENGR REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 8th, 1944. He was 22 years old.

PFC Leroy Kelly from North Carolina of 516 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 24th, 1945. He was 24 years old.

PVT Selmer Kendrick from Indiana of 4083 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 12th, 1944. He was 23 years old.

M SGT James W. Kersh from Tennessee of 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 11th, 1944.

PVT Nollie J. Lewis from Texas of 317 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 7th, 1945. He was 34 years old.

PVT Edmon T. Littleton from Alabama of 131 QM BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 30th, 1945. He was 23 years old.

PVT Lindsay Lyles from Alabama of 511 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 4th, 1945. He was 21 years old.

CPL Lloyd A. Martin from Pennsylvania of 236 QM BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 5th, 1944. He was 32 years old.

2 LT Eddie L. May from Wisconsin of 1349 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country

honorable during WWII and died on May 26th, 1945.

PFC Earl W. Mayes from Florida of 501 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 31st, 1945. He was 23 years old.

PFC Vincent A. Mayo from New York of 4059 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 26th, 1945. He was 26 years old.

TEC 4 Oscar L. Middlebrook from Tennessee of 513 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 7th, 1945. He was 21 years old.

PFC Raymond T. Moore from Virginia of 1310 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 21st, 1944. He was 20 years old.

PVT James E. Myers from Virginia of 3692 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 16th, 1944. He was 26 years old.

PVT Chester Nash from Tennessee of 505 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 8th, 1945. He was 26 years old.

TEC 5 Samuel G. Nathaniel from South Carolina of 3132 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 5th, 1945. He was 35 years old.

PFC George M. Parker from Pennsylvania of 1323 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 9th, 1944. He was 35 years old.

PVT Lawrence Payton from Louisiana of 388 ENGR REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 18th, 1945. He was 31 years old.

SSGT Hiawatha L. E. Perry from Tennessee of 652 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on October 19th, 1944. He was 34 years old.

PVT John D. Phillips from Pennsylvania of 502 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 29th, 1945. He was 21 years old.

PVT James H. Pickens from Pennsylvania of 511 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 19th, 1945.

PFC William A. Platt from North Carolina of 388 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on February 7th, 1945. He was 30 years old.

TEC 5 Ernest R. Potts from Oklahoma of 3497 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 11th, 1945. He was 25 years old.

SGT Curry Purser from Georgia of 389 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 6th, 1944.

TEC 5 Mack Roby from Mississippi of 514 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 15th, 1944. He was 22 years old.

PFC Jesse Rose from Illinois of 1432 Labor Sup Co served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 20th, 1945. He was 30 years old.

PFC Paul L. Russell from Illinois of 3219 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 11th, 1945.

PFC William L. Ryerson from New York of 364 ENGR REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 7th, 1944. He was 24 years old.

TEC 5 Booker T. Saddler from Mississippi of 516 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 21st, 1945. He was 26 years old.

PFC Orin D. Saddler from New York of 485 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on May 11th, 1945. He was 39 years old.

PVT Logan S. Scott from Georgia of 951 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 18th, 1944.

PVT John H. Showes from Ohio of 954 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on November 19th, 1944. He was 39 years old.

CK3C Malcolm Slaughter from Mississippi of USNR served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 9th, 1944.

PFC Charles C. Smith from Missouri of 4371 QM BAKERY CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on January 1st, 1945. He was 32 years old.

PFC Frank W. Smith from South Carolina of 1697 ENGR COMBAT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 16th, 1945. He was 25 years old.

PVT Albert Suber from Michigan of 1323 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 21st, 1944.

TEC 5 Rufus Sykes from Virginia of 549 ENGR L PON CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 16th, 1945. He was 25 years old.

PFC Luther J. Thompson from Michigan of 521 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on April 7th, 1945.

PVT Vandyke S. Toye from Virginia of 388 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 10th, 1945. He was 27 years old.

PVT Alexander Troop from Indiana of 165 CML GENERATOR CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 25th, 1945. He was 35 years old.

PVT James Tucker from North Carolina of 973 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 19th, 1945. He was 25 years old.

CPL Ernest J. Walker from Illinois of 4058 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 28th, 1944. He was 28 years old.

CPL General U. Walker from Florida of 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT served his country honorably during WWII and died on July 7th, 1944. He was 25 years old.

PVT David Webster from New Jersey of 3871 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on June 15th, 1945. He was 39 years old.

TEC 5 Willie R. Weston from Pennsylvania of 663 QM TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on September 18th, 1944. He was 20 years old.

TEC 5 Albert B. Williams from Georgia of 470 TRK CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on August 20th, 1944. He was 23 years old.

PVT J. S. Willis from Missouri of 450 GAS SUP CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 27th, 1944. He was 22 years old.

PVT William A. Wilson from Illinois of 485 PORT BN served his country honorably during WWII and died on March 31st, 1945.

PFC Clifford Woods from Tennessee of 4057 QM SV CO served his country honorably during WWII and died on December 28th, 1944. He was 39 years old.

NAMES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN BURIED AT NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY (NAC)

6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was an all-women, all-black unit which processed mail in Europe during WWII. While women were not allowed in combat, PFC Mary H. Bankston and PFC Mary J. Barlow were killed in an auto vehicle accident on July 8, 1945 and SGT Dolores M. Browne from Connecticut died later from injuries on July 13, 1945.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN MISSING IN ACTION

These men remain missing in action today. They are memorialized on the Wall of the Missing at the Normandy American Cemetery (NAC).

TEC 5 Resse G. Boone from North Carolina of the 514 PORT BN.

PFC Sylvester D. Haggins from New York of the 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT.

TSGT Raymond Heads from Texas of the 3688 QM TRK CO. He was decorated with a Purple Heart.

PFC Mack Homer from Georgia of the 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT.

TEC 5 Daniel Wyatt from Louisiana of the 364 ENGR GEN SV REGT.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, every year when we celebrate and reflect on Black History Month, we learn the stories of some of America's greatest scientists, actors, writers, entertainers, scholars, workers, and ordinary people who made major contributions to this great country.

As a member of the Military Construction, Veteran Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, I want to share the unsung stories of the valiant Black men and women who served their country dutifully during World War II even in the face of adversity.

We know about the brave Tuskegee Airmen—Red Tails—who flew fighter and bomber planes during World War II, but many do not know that the Red Tails were only a few of the nearly 1 million African Americans who served during the war. These courageous men and women fought bravely to protect the democratic ideals of freedom and equality.

Sadly, the country they served did not live up to those ideals. When they returned from victory in Europe and the Pacific, many did not receive a hero's welcome because of the color of their skin.

My dad, the late Lieutenant Colonel Garvin Tutt, was one of those heroes. He served in the 92nd Battalion in Italy supporting the Normandy invasion, was in World War II, the Korean war, and served in the Army for 25 years.

Only recently have the contributions of African-American men and women during World War II been recognized as our country has attempted to acknowledge its sad and dark past. That is why I am taking time on the floor today to honor the 138 African-American men and women buried in Normandy American Cemetery and the 5 men who remain missing. It is my hope that, by sharing these stories today and entering their names into the RECORD, more people will come to appreciate the sacrifices of these brave men and women who served this country with distinction during World War II.

Now, most people know that on June 6, 1944, approximately 2,000 soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy for what would be a major turning point in the war, but far fewer know that the all-Black 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion served with distinction during the D-day invasions. The 320th was the only Black unit to take part on D-day and the only balloon battalion dedicated to protecting troops from intense German aircraft attacks on Omaha and Utah beaches. This was unique because Black units were usually kept from combat and fulfilled essential support services instead.

As part of their mission to protect Allied troops, the men of the 320th implemented innovative ideas to ease transportation to shore of barrage balloons that weighed half a ton. In addition to defending American soldiers during D-day invasions, the battalion also secured its own successful offensive strikes. The battalion's ingenuity and service was later recognized as an important element of the air defense team by Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was Supreme Allied Commander General at the time.

Sadly, no sacrifice comes without the loss of human life. During the D-day invasion, the 320th suffered two casualties. Corporal Brooks Stith and Corporal Henry J. Harris from the 320th are both buried at the Normandy American Cemetery. Each of these men was decorated with the Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal for their valiant service. There is James M. McLean of the 320th, who died on July 16, 1944. He was also buried at the cemetery.

African Americans who were buried at the cemetery, the men from the 320th, were buried with their White peers. Even though units were segregated until President Harry Truman changed official Department of Defense policies in 1948, Black and White soldiers who died in Normandy were buried together. At the Normandy American Cemetery, 135 African-American men and 3 African-American women were laid to rest from 1944 to 1945.

Mr. Speaker, there are five Black men who remain missing in action while posted in Normandy. They are honored on the Walls of the Missing at Normandy with more than 1,700 others.

While women were not allowed in combat during World War II, three Black women from the 6888th Postal Directory Battalion of the Women's Army Corps are also buried at the cemetery. They were killed during an accident with a jeep.

Now, this was an all-women, all-Black unit that helped process mail in Europe during World War II. They were the first Black battalion deployed after First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune advocated for Black women to join the Women's Army Corps, the WAC, for nearly a year and a half. The women received basic training and were trained in jujitsu because they were not allowed to carry firearms. They successfully helped clear massive mail backlog in various cities across Europe.

While the women of the 6888th were celebrated for their work in Europe, some historians speculate that inspectors would sometimes give unsatisfactory reviews because of their prejudices.

Unit commander Major Charity Adams was court-martialed once for pushing back when a general threatened to send a "white first lieutenant" to show her how to command her unit.

We are indebted to these women for their exemplary work processing mail efficiently to

keep up the morale of our troops during WWII. But more importantly, we owe them the respect they never received.

Mr. Speaker, these men and women lost their lives too soon for a country that hasn't done a great job of remembering their bravery and their sacrifices.

An analysis conducted by the Army showed that the average age of African American service members buried at the NAC is 27 years—the prime age when a young person is starting their life.

That is why it is so important for us to remember and tell their stories during Black History Month.

As Black History Month continues, I hope my colleagues will consider joining me in honoring their memories by also speaking on the Floor about other all-Black battalions who fought during WWII.

As the daughter of a WWII and Korean Veteran, I am very honored to be on the Military-Veterans Appropriations Subcommittee to ensure our veterans receive the care and recognition they deserve.

Let me close by thanking our Military-Veterans Chair, Congressman CHARLIE DENT and then Ranking Member SANFORD BISHOP and then full Committee Chair ROGERS and Ranking Member LOWEY, for their support in the Appropriations Committee and the commission for helping bring these great heroes and sheros to the attention of the American people and by properly recognizing their sacrifices and their legacies.

Hopefully this effort will help us locate their descendants and families to and thank them and honor them as part of yes—Black History but of course this is American History that all Americans should recognize and learn from.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chair of our subcommittee, Mr. DENT, Ranking Member LOWEY, Mr. BISHOP, and you, Mr. ROGERS, for your support in the Appropriations Committee and for the American Battle Monuments Commission's very dedicated work in helping us bring these great heroes and sheroes to the attention of the American people by properly recognizing their sacrifices and their legacies.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The Psalmist cannot find enough words to express trust in You. Personal

experience of Your presence, care, and abiding guidance gives rise to his song: "O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the fullness of my salvation, my stronghold."

Stir in our hearts today Your Holy Spirit. Touch the soul of this Nation, that we may see Your saving work in our work, Your strength behind our weakness, Your purpose in our efforts at laws of justice, Your peace drawing all of us and the world to lasting freedom.

You are ever faithful, O Lord, worthy of all our trust. May all that is done in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NEWHOUSE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 16, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: This letter is to inform you, in your role as Speaker, that I have today sent a letter to my Governor resigning my seat in Congress. A duplicate of that letter is attached.

I am truly honored that President Trump has given me the opportunity to lead the Office of Management and Budget. The opportunity to work with such a talented and intelligent group of people—in an effort to try to restore our country's fiscal security—was too good to pass up. It does, however, come at the price of leaving the House.

I am thankful for the efforts you made on my behalf in this effort. I am thankful for the leadership you have shown during my time in the House. But, more than all of that, I am thankful for your friendship over the last six years. Working with you—as a Chairman and the Speaker—will forever be one of the highlights of my career.

I sincerely hope my resignation is not the end of that relationship. Indeed, I choose to see it as simply the next chapter of our mutual effort to try to serve the nation.

All the best. Thanks again. And God Bless.

Sincerely,

MICK MULVANEY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 16, 2017.

Hon. HENRY MCMASTER,
Governor, State of South Carolina,
Columbia, SC.

DEAR GOVERNOR MCMASTER: Earlier today I was confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as President Trump's Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Assuming this office requires me to resign my position as the United States Representative for the 5th Congressional District of South Carolina.

It has been a great honor and personal privilege to represent the people of South Carolina in Congress. The people of my district, and of our state, are some of the nicest, hardest working people I've ever met. They care deeply about our state and our nation, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have been able to serve them.

However, the opportunity to work directly with the President in his Cabinet to shape our nation's budget and ensure financial stability for generations to come is a call to service I simply cannot ignore. I am truly honored that President Trump has given me this opportunity.

So, in hopes that I can better serve our nation, the President, the people of the 5th Congressional District, and the state of South Carolina, I hereby tender my resignation as United States Representative, effective immediately.

Thank you for your service to our state and your continued friendship.

Respectfully,

MICK MULVANEY,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. MULVANEY), the whole number of the House is 431.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF GARY PETERSEN

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)