

the department responsible for the layout and look of every single page of the paper.

Dawna didn't stop there. She went on to earn the position of department head—again, the first woman to do so in the history of the paper. For the last 30 years, she has served behind the scenes to produce thousands of editions of the Repository. Dawna and her husband, J.D., have both served the Canton community—Dawna at the Rep and J.D. at WHBC radio.

Dawna's work in the composing room has guaranteed that Canton residents get to read their news each day, and while doing her day job, she paved the way for other women in the news industry to follow.

I join the entire Canton community and Dawna's colleagues at the Rep in congratulating her for her 30-year anniversary at the Repository.●

#### REMEMBERING MARTHA LEE "MARTY" ORWIG

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring Martha Lee "Marty," Orwig who shined so brightly in our world and will be greatly missed.

Marty had endearing monikers, including "The Rocket" and "Aunt Marty," that reflect how deeply she touched many lives and left a lasting impression of sincerity, enthusiasm, joyfulness, spirited know-how, and a profound commitment to the Lord and assisting others. In learning of her passing, others have shared their impressions of Marty that include "special lady," "great lady," "a delight to work with and simply to know as a person," "passionate about everything she involved herself with," "feisty, spirited, and never backed down from a challenge," and "gone too soon." Marty modeled dedication and excellence. Her service as founder and leader of the North American Moose Foundation, through which she mentored Mackay High School students, is no doubt leaving an imprint of her committed example in the lives of generations of young leaders.

While Marty was deeply rooted in Sun Valley, her home base for the past more than 40 years, and Mackay, ID, she was born on August 19, 1951, in St. Louis, MO, to Elizabeth and David Orwig. After graduating from the University of Denver and earning a master's degree in biblical studies from Multnomah University in Portland, OR, to our great benefit, she chose Idaho to be her home. Her work as a real estate broker and ski instructor shifted to a career as a political consultant working on Republican campaigns, including campaigns for former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Her career also included leading the Blaine County Republican Party and serving as a field director for former U.S. Senator Larry Craig. She served in President George H.W. Bush's administration as a Presidential ap-

pointee, and she was appointed by Governor Butch Otter to the Idaho Fifth District Magistrates Commission. She also founded and led the Quincy Group and was a member of the Idaho National Federation of Republican Women, Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club.

Marty Orwig was a driven leader, thought-provoker, and encourager. She was guided by a great love of God and used her experience to help guide and support local youth and others. We extend our condolences to her sister and brother-in-law, Sarah Orwig and Clark Costen, and countless friends. Marty will be greatly missed, but her loving legacy will remain a major part of the heart of our great State and Nation.●

#### REMEMBERING RICHARD ZIEBARTH

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize an American veteran and true Nevadan Richard Ziebarth, who recently passed away at the age of 58.

Widely known as "Zman," Mr Ziebarth spent close to 26 years in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot and squadron commander, where he achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas in 2003 and retired from the military in 2007. He served his country all over the world in South Korea, England, and at the Pentagon.

Mr. Ziebarth's leadership did not stop after his military service. He was an active member of his community, the Canyon Ridge Christian Church, and chairman of the church's board of elders.

He graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in 1981 with a bachelor's in computer science and business. He also graduated from Averett College with an MBA and received a doctorate of strategic leadership from Regent University. Mr. Ziebarth started a business called Integrity Leadership that helped employers determine the best fit for employees within their companies.

Mr. Ziebarth also worked as director of operations for Remote Imagery Technology, Inc., RITI, which provides operational support to Department of Defense contracts.

As Nevada's senior Senator, I know that Mr. Ziebarth's service in uniform and to the community, will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, especially his best friend and wife of 36 years, Beth, his children, and the rest of his family and friends who loved and cared for him deeply.●

#### RECOGNIZING OUR LADY OF PEACE POST 1947

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Catholic War Veterans of America's Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 in Las Vegas, NV, and Dennis

DeGree, Post 1947 first vice commander and Vegas native.

Post 1947 exemplifies their motto of "For God, country, and home." The group works tirelessly to help veterans, their families, homeless veterans, and active duty personnel. I am deeply appreciative of these veteran members' sacrifices and service, as well as the group's efforts to support Nevadans who have answered our Nation's call.

Founded in 2006, Post 1947 is Nevada's first Catholic War Veterans of America post and one of 215 posts across the country. The organization offers a number of critical initiatives to the veteran and Las Vegas communities.

The group's youth programs include poster and essay contests, letter writing and get-well cards for hospitalized veterans, and the Eugene T. Roark Memorial Junior ROTC Scholarship Program. Additionally, Post 1947 maintains and operates a food pantry, participates in homeless stand-downs, and educates and assists veterans, their families, widows, and orphans in obtaining VA medical care and benefits.

At the 82nd Annual Convention of the Catholic War Veterans held in St. Louis, MO, Post 1947 of Las Vegas was awarded Most Outstanding Post of 2017 out of 215 posts. This award was given to the post by the national department for best overall programs provided to all veterans regardless of religious ethnicity. Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 has won this award 8 of the past 10 years.

Post 1947 was recognized because of a successful veteran service organization program they implemented called the National Veterans Service Office. Since opening in 2013, the National Veterans Service Office has been successful in obtaining over \$10 million in awards to veterans. Remarkably, Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 has been named the Most Outstanding Welfare Program 9 of the past 10 years by the national department.

Post 1947's major achievements do not end there. Dennis DeGree, first vice commander of the group, was deservedly named Most Outstanding Catholic War Veteran of 2017 by the National Catholic War Veterans. Mr. DeGree received the award "for being the individual who, in the opinion of the National Department, has contributed most to the betterment of the CWV."

It is clear that Post 1947's contributions have made Las Vegas a better place for Nevada's warriors and their families. As a lifelong Nevadan and the senior U.S. Senator for the Silver State, I am honored to recognize both Post 1947 and Dennis DeGree for lending a hand to those who have made sacrifices in the name of this great country.●

#### RECOGNIZING TELSTAR ASSOCIATES, INC.

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, every month I celebrate the power of the American entrepreneurial spirit by

highlighting the successes of a small business in my home State of Idaho. This month's recipient of the Small Business of the Month is a veteran-owned business, which is fitting since this week is National Veterans Small Business Week. It is always great to see veterans succeed after they close out their years of service and continue their path as a civilian. The founders of October's Small Business of the Month demonstrate that, with determination and hard work, there is no limit to what can be accomplished. I am honored to recognize an enterprise that makes it their business to help other businesses experience growth and prosperity of their own. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to recognize TelStar Associates, Inc., as the Senate Small Business of the Month for October 2017.

TelStar was founded in 1979 by Jose Telleria and Douglas Stark, who decided to join together and use their individual strengths and experience in the field of information technology to create their own business. The company name, TelStar, is a combination of the names of its founders and represents the partnership between Telleria—Tel—and Stark, Star. For their first contract, TelStar developed a software program that tracked the storage and shipping of onions for Murakami Produce. Within a short period of time, TelStar was providing their services to a diverse range of clients in both the private and public sectors, including the Idaho Governor's Office, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho National Laboratory, and Boise State University. TelStar also developed a chemical management and waste disposal management application that is currently used by the U.S. Navy. In addition to being an invaluable asset to their community, TelStar exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit by continually adapting to the needs of their clients.

As leaders in the IT field, Jose and Douglas created a business known for flexibility and for consistently providing meaningful services. Responding to the changing needs of businesses, TelStar expanded their services from custom contract programming to network support, field services, cyber security, and IT staffing services. TelStar provides their clients with access to affordable services that allow them to improve their IT capabilities. In an increasingly technological world, small businesses have the opportunity to benefit from businesses like Jose and Douglas's. I know the technological challenges businesses can face, which is why I am proud to recognize TelStar, a successful business that is committed to helping other businesses achieve success of their own, by empowering them to be the best at what they do. Since their first contract for Murakami Produce, TelStar has exemplified the innovative nature of many American small businesses.

A belief central to TelStar's culture is that "People make the difference." There is nothing more commendable than helping someone else achieve their goals, and I would like to congratulate Jose Telleria, Douglas Stark, and all of the employees of TelStar for the impact they have had on their community. TelStar's entrepreneurial spirit is an example for every American to follow, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

#### REMEMBERING CHESTER RENFRO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, Chester Renfro of Pinellas County, FL, passed away this October 22. Chet, as he was known to family and friends, was a friend of mine, and I want to say a few words about him in his passing. Married to his wife, Betty, Chet was a graduate of the University of Southern California and an engineer by trade. He designed and installed industrial water pumps for commercial industries and water treatment facilities. He started his career in California, later moving to St. Louis and then Louisville, KY, where he started his own business. He moved to Pinellas County nearly 20 years ago.

Betty was the love of Chet's life, and he adored her. When they married, they each brought their sons with them into the family—Betty and her three sons, Gene, Brad, and Paul Garcia; Chet and his two sons, Rick and Greg Renfro. Their daughter, now Melanie Nethery, came later to bless that family full of boys. Chet loved all of his children but was exceptionally proud of his grandchildren. He would be glad to tell you all about them and their accomplishments.

Chet lived a full, meaningful life, and in everything—professionally, personally, and politically—he worked hard. He loved his Wednesday golf game, his travels with Betty, and his pecan pies. He gave his time and energy to many State and local organizations, including the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Pinellas County Canvassing Board. I looked to his guidance as a member of my academy board in the Tampa Bay region, interviewing many of the young men and women from that area who want to attend a service academy and serve our country.

Chet Renfro leaves behind a legacy of service to others and of love for his family, friends, and country. He was someone I was proud to call my friend, and he and his family are in my prayers.●

#### MONTANA'S WOMEN VETERANS OF WWI

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the hundreds of Montana women who honorably served our country during World War I.

They braved the German u-boats to serve on the frontlines. Women cared for the wounded and connected calls to

the battlefield offices of GEN John Pershing. Without them, the American forces serving in Europe could have faced catastrophe. Without them, the course of the war could have been much different.

We shouldn't be surprised. Montana women have been breaking down barriers for generations.

Merle Egan Anderson pressured the U.S. Government for 60 years to get the women who worked the Army's telephone switchboards the status of "veteran." Montanans like Merle Egan Anderson and Lena Roy volunteered to be a part of the Army Signal Corps without promise of pay, benefits, or recognition of their service. The Signal Corps women, nicknamed the "Hello Girls," proved their worth immediately. Merle, Lena, and their peers' speed and precision allowed officers to communicate across battlefields, enemy lines, and war-torn terrain. They served at the frontlines and quickly garnered the respect of the men with whom they served. They braved enemy fire and suffered casualties among their ranks. Despite their outstanding service, they returned to an indifferent government who denied them veteran status, including healthcare and burial rights.

Merle Egan Anderson took on the government, and 60 years later, she won. When the government granted the "Hello Girls" veteran status, only 18 of the 223 women were still alive.

Nearly 200 Montana nurses entered military service, 86 of whom braved enemy submarine-patrolled waters to care for troops on the frontline. They came from 56 cities, towns, and forgotten railroad stops across the Big Sky State.

Nurses Elizabeth Sandelius from Cokedale and Harriett O'Day from Billings were cited for heroism under fire for their service in France. Cora Craig from Glasgow, MT, received a Silver Medal from the King of Siam for her care of soldiers from present-day Thailand. Eula Butzerin braved the carnage of post-war France to find the battlefield grave of her brother Roy, marked only with a stick and his dog tags.

Thirteen Montana women enlisted in the Navy and served stateside. Gertrude Zerr from Chinook achieved the rank of chief yeoman, directing fellow yeoman in the naval headquarters.

During the war, these women proved to their fellow Americans and the world that women were an asset in battle. Their service defied gender stereotypes and helped changed the tide of public opinion that culminated in the 19th Amendment of our Constitution, granting women the right to vote at long last. They helped pave the way for women to take on combat roles in World War II and beyond.

After the war, Montana's World War I women veterans faded into history. Their service remains largely unknown. These women gave voice and power to a nation of women. Their service and actions helped change the