

TEXAN: ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KRISTIAN MENCHACA—MEMBER OF THE BAND OF BROTHERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the 101st Airborne of the United States Army is otherwise known as the Band of Brothers. They were called the Screaming Eagles of World War II. They held off the Germans in the battle of the Bulge. Their legacy was continued, as the 101st remained on duty in the blistering heat of Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once again fighting the forces of tyranny and terrorism.

Twenty-three year old Kristian Menchaca was born May 29, 1983, in my hometown of Houston, Texas. He moved to Brownsville with his mother, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, when he was a young boy. He attended Gary Job Corps center in San Marcos, TX, where he completed the correctional officers training program in six months and earned a certificate. Kristian Menchaca told his family Christmas Day, 2004 that he planned to enlist. They tried to talk him out of it, but Kristian Menchaca insisted, and his family came around.

He had the goal of using his military experience to become a Border Patrol agent. He scored so high on his entrance test that he was given the option to bypass the infantry. He chose not to do that. Instead, he signed up in March 2005 and wound up in the 101st Airborne. He married his wife, Christina, three weeks before he was deployed with the United States Army. The Army turned Kristian Menchaca's life around. It gave him a greater purpose, a higher calling.

In June of 2006, at an outpost near Baghdad, American volunteers of the 101st found themselves surrounded and attacked by the enemy. One soldier, Specialist David Babineau, was killed in the skirmish. Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and Private First Class Thomas Tucker were kidnapped, captured, and later, murdered.

He left behind a wife, a family, and a lot of grateful Americans.

This enemy we fought in the desert sands of Iraq and Afghanistan were evil villains who oppose our righteous and just cause to proclaim freedom throughout the world. These terrorists took no prisoners. They had no POW camps. News reports claimed the attackers of the outpost all wore masks to cover their faces.

Mr. Speaker, outlaws and bandits of the Old West wore masks to disguise who they were because they, like these terrorists, covered up their wicked intentions of destruction of everything that is good and right. But just like those outlaws, these criminals were hunted, tracked, and brought to a speedy end, because the 101st brought justice to the hot hills of Iraq.

Shakespeare said of the brothers in Henry V how they will be regarded. He said, "From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered; we few, we happy few, we band of brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother."

Private First Class Kristian Menchaca was later awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and a Prisoner of War Medal.

We continue to honor Private First Class Kristian Menchaca and the Band of Brothers—the unyielding warriors that proved strongest against terror.

And that's just the way it is.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. ROBERT JENKINS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Mr. Robert Jenkins who passed away Monday, September 24, 2018. Robert Jenkins honored his country with a long career of service, first as a United States Marine, and then for over 30 years as an electronic technician for the federal government. His life was an example of commitment, love and service from which all of us would be wise to learn.

Robert was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on May 10, 1930. One of six children, Robert enlisted with the Marine Corps when he was 17 years old in 1947, requiring his parents' approval. He served with the 1st Marine Corps Division, 1st Weapon Battalion as 81mm Mortar Platoon Squad Leader. Stationed at numerous locations from Guam to Quantico, Virginia, Robert served in the Marine Corps for four years before being honorably discharged in 1951.

In 1953, he married Miriam Freedman, who preceded him in death in February 2012, and they raised four daughters together: Karen, Carol, Beverly, and Andrea. He went on to have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, Robert was a model for all of us not only in his work, but in his personal life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Jenkins and in thanking the Jenkins family their incredible sacrifices, devotion, and service to our nation; words cannot express our gratitude. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

HONORING THE YMCA'S 135TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is truly a feat to reach a 100th anniversary, it is a greater feat to reach a 125th anniversary, but, Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize an organization within my district that has reached its 135th anniversary, the Yonkers Family YMCA.

The Yonkers Family YMCA began in 1882 by accident. Story has it that the founders were traveling to New York City, but became lost in Yonkers. They decided to open a local chapter of the YMCA in Yonkers, and 135 years later, the Yonkers Family YMCA remains a cornerstone of the community.

"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all." That's the YMCA's mission statement, which strives to provide a safe environment where those in the commu-

nity can better their lifestyle through health and fitness. As such, the Yonkers Family YMCA offers a variety of programs year-round for Yonkers residents and the surrounding area, that include boxing, aquatics, youth, and teen summer camps, as well as youth employment training programs.

It would not be possible for the Yonkers Family YMCA to offer the wellness programs and services to the community without help from the community itself. Yonkers has always stood by the YMCA, and continues to support its vital mission.

I would be remiss to not mention the YMCA's leadership, which ensures the continued success of the YMCA on a day-to-day basis: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Marisol Mancebo, Vincet Talia Ferro, John Thompson, Donald Golding, Mercedes Bangari, Donald Somerville, Carolyn Mosha, Franklin Peat, and Keith Guinyard. Additionally, I want to also thank the Board of Directors for their continual support of the YMCA: Maria George, Steven Tvert, Arnaldo Torres, John Pagliarola, Christopher Jonson, Jade Sharpe and Maurine Koranteng.

Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers Family YMCA has been a central part of the lives of people all throughout the region for well over a century. It's a remarkable feat that deserves this recognition. Congratulations to the entire Yonkers Family YMCA family for 135 years of service, and may they have many more years of great success.

INSIDER THREATS TO AVIATION SECURITY: AIRLINE AND AIRPORT PERSPECTIVES

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Chairman KATKO and Ranking Member WATSON COLEMAN, for calling this important hearing to take a closer look at the new challenges that pose security threats to airports and carriers nationwide.

As Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Aviation Subcommittee, I am committed to ensuring the United States continues to have the safest air-space system in the history of flight. In light of recent events, it is clear there is more Congress can do to make the system safer.

Less than two months ago, on August 10, 2018, an airline employee stole an aircraft at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) in my home state of Washington and engaged in unauthorized flight.

If not for the rapid response teams, particularly Sea-Tac air traffic controllers and the Air National Guard, who remained calm throughout a very intense situation and worked diligently to contain the incident, this tragedy could have devastated communities in North-west Washington.

Sea-Tac is a major hub in the national airport network and has long been a leader in airport security. The airport conducts extensive security clearance measures and thorough employee background checks, and uses advanced technologies to ensure the safety of its passengers and employees.

However, this incident demonstrates the need for the federal government and industry

alike to consider new ways to ensure the safety and security of passengers and employees.

For years, I worked with my colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to develop a long-term Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill to address, among other things, safety issues present in our airspace system, and I am pleased Congress has recently enacted a comprehensive measure that will raise the bar on aviation safety for years to come.

This legislation will help lessen the likelihood of incidents similar to the August 10 event at Sea-Tac in the future by requiring the FAA and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to work with industry to evaluate security gaps in our aviation system and provide recommendations on industry improvements.

Among its provisions, the legislation authorizes the FAA to carry out a pilot program to support non-federal acquisition and installation of surveillance systems for the non-movement areas of airports, such as airport cargo and maintenance areas.

It also calls on the FAA to collaborate with stakeholders to advance a global standard for access to air carrier flight decks, and it directs the TSA to consult with the FAA to complete a detailed threat assessment to identify any safety or security risks associated with unauthorized access to flight decks on commercial aircraft.

While this long-term reauthorization makes considerable progress in aviation safety and security, our work is not done. In addition, industry must work proactively to address these pressing issues. I commend Sea-Tac and aviation stakeholders for their collaboration following the August 10 incident on a new series of industry best practices to advance airport security.

I look forward to working with this Subcommittee, industry, and other stakeholders to address these new threats and to ensure the United States continues to maintain the safest aviation system in the world.

With that, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for their bipartisan leadership on this important issue.

HONORING RYNE LAMMERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryne Lammers. Ryne is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryne has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryne has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryne has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ryne installed a concrete pad and a bench for a church in his community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryne Lammers for his accom-

plishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF MICHELLE MOYER

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Michelle Moyer, Associate Professor and Viticulture Extension Specialist at Washington State University, for her contributions to the robust Washington wine industry.

Dr. Moyer was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Research Initiative. This grant will assist Dr. Moyer in understanding and combating fungicide resistance, which currently threatens the \$5 billion wine, table grape, and raisin crop.

Dr. Moyer's research will be essential in protecting vulnerable farmers and their crops, ensuring that Washington State continues to grow the best wine grapes and produce high quality wine. As I congratulate her efforts, I also recognize the important contributions of women to agriculture—and especially to the wine industry, in which women tend to be underrepresented.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Moyer's successful career, and I wish her the best in her research. Go Cougs.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DONALD E. SCHNOOR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Donald E. Schnoor. Mr. Schnoor is a Korean War veteran who served the United States of America honorably.

Donald E. Schnoor was born in Chowchilla on December 19, 1934. Twenty years later, he would be part of the famed First Cavalry Division fighting in Korea.

Don attended local schools. In June 1952, shortly after graduating from Chowchilla High, he enlisted for three years in the U.S. Army. After basic training at Fort Ord, he was selected to train as a musician with the Army Band Training Unit. Upon completion of band training, he was assigned to play the trombone with the 6th Army band at Fort Mason in San Francisco. The band played for troops leaving and arriving by ship to and from the Far East, primarily Korea. Numerous Hollywood and local professional celebrities performed with the band. Wanting to see a bit of the world, Don subsequently volunteered for duty with Army occupation troops in Japan.

Upon arrival in Japan, Don was informed that although he had been trained as a musician the Army considered him an infantryman first and a trombone player second. Upon reaching Inchon, Korea, Don joined the 5th Regiment of the legendary First Cavalry Division along the frontlines southeast of Seoul

near Yong Dong Po. He was assigned duty as part of a fire team for a 75 MM recoilless rifle mounted on a ¾ ton 4x4 utility truck.

Don served in Korea until the truce was signed in 1954 and then joined the rest of the First Cavalry Division in Hokkaido, Japan.

Later that year, the 5th Regiment moved south to Sendai, Japan, where Don joined the First Cavalry Band and Orchestra. Shortly after joining the band, Don was recommended to audition for the U.S.O. Orchestra, and after tough competition, was accepted. He spent the remainder of his overseas service traveling in Japan playing for U.S.O. shows for American servicemen. Don was one of three trombonists and enjoyed the duty.

Don returned to the U.S. in the late spring of 1955 and was discharged as a sergeant at Fort Ord. For his service, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After military service to his country, Don returned to Chowchilla and began a career in farming that has continued for fifty-six years. He and his wife, Peggy, have three daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Don is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, the American Legion Post of Madera, the Madera Elks, and the First United Methodist Church of Madera.

Don said, "I am truly proud to have had the opportunity to serve my country."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the service of Donald E. Schnoor for his dedication to his family and his country.

RECOGNIZING RED ARNDT FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Red Arndt for his many years of service to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, as well as his lifetime commitment to bringing safe and reliable water to the rural corners of this country.

Born Lennis Arndt on May 1, 1948, he earned the nickname, Red, while in grade school from his full head of red hair. The name stuck and most people only know him today as Red Arndt.

Red grew up in Springfield, Minnesota, about 90 minutes from his current hometown, Luverne where he first started working in 1989 as their public utilities director. Shortly after beginning his new position, Red heard about a proposal to bring water from the Missouri River in South Dakota to the surrounding states. A major undertaking with more people doubting the idea than supporting, Red saw the opportunity and potential, recommending to the mayor and city council that Luverne join and become one of the first members of the corporation that would later become the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

Seeing Lewis & Clark develop from conception to construction was a labor of love for Red, and a mission he fought hard to achieve.