

Agency deserve commendation for its work to identify casualties, like Durell Wade, and offer some measure of closure to families of fallen servicemembers.

In this instance, I am pleased that Wade's family, including his 99-year-old sister Nancy, have an opportunity to be part of a burial ceremony with full military honors in Kilmichael, MS.

So many families in Mississippi lost loved ones during World War II, but Durell's long absence made this family's sacrifice all the more heart-breaking.

I hope the families of those who perished on the U.S.S. *Oklahoma* will find comfort and peace in knowing their loved one's service in defense of our Nation helped in the ultimate fight to protect our liberty.

I ask unanimous consent that an August 18, 2018, article from *The Baton Rouge Advocate* titled, "Pearl Harbor casualty's remains getting a proper funeral ends lifetime of wondering for Baton Rouge family members," be printed in the RECORD.

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

[August 18, 2018]

PEARL HARBOR CASUALTY'S REMAINS GETTING A PROPER FUNERAL ENDS LIFETIME OF WONDERING FOR BATON ROUGE FAMILY MEMBERS
(By George Morris)

Seventy-seven years after he was killed, sailor Durell Wade will finally get a proper burial. For his Baton Rouge nephew, it ends a lifetime of wondering.

"I knew that I had his name, and I knew that he died at Pearl Harbor," said Dr. Larry Wade, 75, whose middle name is Durell. "I'd think about him a lot but never explored and tried to know more about him. He was just Uncle Durell who had been killed at Pearl."

This spring, Wade's family learned that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has identified their relative's remains, as well as others of his shipmates who died in the attack that launched the United States into World War II. Naturally, the family is grateful.

"Because his body wasn't recovered when his immediate family was still alive, they didn't have that resolution," said Lauren McAdams, Larry Wade's daughter. "Obviously, we know now it was a time of a lot of distress because there was the confusion of had he survived or had he not."

Durell Wade, who was born in rural Calhoun County, Mississippi, in 1917, was an aviation machinist mate aboard the USS *Oklahoma*. He had enlisted in the Navy in 1936 and re-enlisted four years later.

Larry Wade's research on his uncle revealed him to be a cheerful person who loved to joke and laugh. Late in her life, Durell Wade's oldest sister, Orena, said he "loved his life aboard the USS *Oklahoma* (and) bragged that it could not be sunk."

Wade, who was not married, had written home on Sept. 27, 1941, pleased to report that he had passed tests to be promoted to chief aviation machinist mate.

"In one of his letters, he mentioned his fiancé had broken up with him," Larry Wade said. "He last saw her when he was an aviation machinist's mate third class, and he wanted to propose to her but he knew he could not support her on the kind of income he had then. Right after that, she sent him a 'Dear John' letter and she married another guy. He mentions that in one of his letters."

On Dec. 7, 1941, five torpedoes from enemy aircraft struck the battleship, which capsized in less than 12 minutes, trapping hundreds of sailors in their battle stations below deck. The attack killed 429 men on the *Oklahoma*.

Those who perished inside the overturned ship remained there for more than a year before the ship could be righted. Remains that were recovered were hastily buried, said Chuck Pritchard, public affairs director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

After the war ended in 1945, remains were disinterred to identify them using forensic methods available at the time. Thirty-five were identified, and the rest buried again.

In 2015, remains from the *Oklahoma* were disinterred for DNA testing. Family members, including Larry Wade, were contacted to provide DNA samples.

So far, 146 remains from the *Oklahoma* have been identified. It's a tiny fraction of the roughly 72,000 unaccounted-for military losses from World War II, but it's meaningful to each family, Pritchard said.

Larry Wade, Lauren McAdams and her husband, Brendan McMichael, met with Navy representatives on Aug. 2 at the American Legion Nicholson Post 38 hall, where they received an inch-thick notebook that included details of how the DPAA identified his remains. The notebook also had copies of letters between the Navy and family members that revealed something living family members never knew—that the family erroneously had been told that Durell Wade had survived before authorities confirmed his death.

"That stirred the family up quite a lot," Larry Wade said.

The Navy will pay to have Durell Wade's remains returned and buried, and the funeral is set for Dec. 7—the 77th anniversary of his death—at North Mississippi Veterans' Memorial Park in Kilmichael, Mississippi.

"I have his name and my grandson has his name, but still, Uncle Durell was just an idea from Pearl Harbor," Larry Wade said. "I've learned a lot about him (by) reading and talking to family members. He's come much more alive as a person."

TRIBUTE TO SARAH HARTLEY

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Sarah Hartley, a member of my staff who has served the people of Arkansas over the last 20 years and who will retire later this month.

Sarah first began her congressional career in 1998 working for then-Congressman Asa Hutchinson. When I was elected to fill Representative Hutchinson's seat representing Arkansas's Third Congressional District in 2001, I was fortunate to have Sarah join my staff lending her expertise in constituent services.

As a caseworker based in north-central Arkansas, she has been the primary point of contact for my office when constituents were facing difficulties related to their Social Security. She personally assisted thousands of Arkansans who were often facing the most difficult moments of their lives. Her kindness and patience have been a source of comfort and hope, and her persistence has solved countless problems that changed lives.

Excellent constituent service has been a commitment of mine since I en-

tered public office, and I am indebted and very grateful to Sarah for her many years helping to deliver just that for so many throughout the course of her career.

While I regret that her time as a member of my staff is coming to an end, I truly respect and appreciate her commitment to helping her fellow Arkansans these last two decades. It has been a pleasure to work alongside her to help get answers for constituents who had nowhere else to turn. Sarah's knowledge and relationships were the reason that many casework requests were brought to a positive conclusion.

My staff and I will miss her many contributions to the important work of assisting Arkansans and being their advocate on matters involving the Federal Government. Even so, I wish her all the best in this next chapter. She will now have more time to do the things she loves, including spending time outdoors exploring everything the Natural State has to offer.

Again, I want to congratulate Sarah on her 20 years of service and extend my sincere, heartfelt thanks for the dedication and skill she brought to the job each day as a member of my staff. The difference she has made in the lives of so many Arkansans is a testament to how blessed my staff and I were to serve with her.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CHIP MORGAN

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am proud to honor Chip Morgan of Leland, MS, for his contributions to the State of Mississippi and the Nation, while serving as Delta Council executive vice president.

Delta Council was founded in 1935 by farmers, entrepreneurs and educators committed to improving agriculture production, transportation, and flood control in the Mississippi Delta. Over the years, Delta Council has become a highly respected economic development organization representing a wide range of issues for northwest Mississippi. I commend Delta Council for its continuous role in improving the quality of life in this unique part of our country, and I applaud Chip Morgan for his many years of good leadership.

Chip began his work with Delta Council in 1975, and was promoted to executive vice president in 1982. Under his leadership, Delta Council expanded its influence beyond agriculture and related industry, which are themselves vital to the economic well-being of the Delta and my State overall. The Delta Council today is involved in a number of important areas, including access to healthcare, funding for higher education, improving adult literacy, among many others. Throughout his tenure as executive vice president, Chip has helped transform innovative concepts and strategies, into meaningful results.

The positive impact Chip has had cannot be quantified, and his awards and achievements are best illustrated by the changes he has made for the Mississippi Delta, rather than on plaques or certificates. Whether through his input on eight farm bills, the successful completion of flood control projects which have brought 100-year flood protection to Delta communities, or his work on major four-lane highway legislation for the State of Mississippi, Chip Morgan has made a difference.

Although a native of Oxford, MS, and a graduate of the University of Mississippi, Chip has dedicated his entire professional career to making the Mississippi Delta a better place to live. After leading Delta Council for over four decades, he will soon turn over his role as executive vice president to the more than capable hands of Frank Howell. I wish Frank the best.

I am pleased to offer well-deserved congratulations to Chip Morgan on his impressive tenure as council executive vice president. I also share this appreciation with his wife, Connie, their two children, Trey and Lindsey, and the many individuals Chip has guided and worked with toward positive outcomes for the Delta and all Mississippi.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2377. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 3414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office".

S. 3442. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 Duff Street in Macon, Missouri, as the "Arta W. Harrell Post Office".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 754. An act to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Anwar Sadat in recognition of his heroic achievements and courageous contributions to peace in the Middle East.

H.J. Res. 143. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 6, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2377. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

S. 3414. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office".

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the ongoing U.S. Government recovery effort of Hurricane Maria; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7375. A communication from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7376. A communication from the Supervisory Regulations Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska—2018-19 and 2019-20 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-BB38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7377. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures on Making a Method Change to Comply with Section 451(b)" (Rev. Proc. 2018-60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7378. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Carbon Oxide Sequestration—Applicable Dollar Amounts" (Notice 2018-93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7379. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of bolt-action rifles, components, and sound suppressors to New Zealand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7380. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to support the design, development, production, manufacture, assembly, operation, repair, testing, inspection, maintenance, modification, and upgrades of the Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM) Block 1 in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-135); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7381. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the Netherlands, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom to support the delivery, manufacture, and testing of conventional edge control surfaces for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-052); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7382. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the Philippines to support the manufacture, integration, installation, operation, testing, maintenance, and repair of 22 TCM and 22 TCM 9R ammunition cartridges in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7383. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of semi-automatic rifles and pistols, and bolt-action rifles to Peru for commercial resale in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-041); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7384. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to Saudi Arabia to support the integration, installation, operation, training, testing, maintenance, and repair of the Patriot Air Defense System (Configuration 3), including upgrade to the Patriot Guidance Enhanced Missile-Tactical (GEMT) in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-014); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act,