

HONORING 82ND AIRBORNE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE GENERAL CURTIS 'MIKE' SCAPARROTTI FOR HIS VALOROUS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor General Curtis 'Mike' Scaparrotti for his induction into the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame on September 28, 2022.

The 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame began in 2018 to honor the division's 101 years of legendary service and its members. It honors veteran paratroopers who are nominated for their service within the division, their commitment to the division's values, their contributions to their chosen field outside of their division, or any other valorous combat actions.

A brief look at Gen. Scaparrotti's career accomplishments only begins to adequately describe the importance of his military service. He began his service to the 82nd Airborne Division as a platoon leader, operations officer, and company commander in the 3rd Battalion of the 325th Infantry. From 1999 to 2001, he then served as commander of the 82nd Airborne's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Perhaps most impressively, in 2008 he advanced to become the commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division where he directed division headquarters' deployment to Eastern Afghanistan. He served in this position until 2010 and simultaneously served as commander for the Combined Joint Task Force—82 and Regional Command East. In addition to his accomplishments with the 82nd Airborne Division, he provided dutiful leadership and service in many other units and positions. A few of such contributions include his command in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In 2019, Gen. Scaparrotti retired from the military after serving as the commander of European Command.

In the words of the former commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, Gen. Erik Kurilla, "the All American Hall of Fame is about preserving our legacy and paying homage to our All American Legends." Gen. Scaparrotti's selfless service could not be more deserving of such recognition. I know I speak for all in our community and Nation in thanking Gen. Scaparrotti for his committed service and leadership in the 82nd Airborne Division and our nation's military more broadly.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring and congratulating General Mike Scaparrotti for his induction to the 82nd Airborne Division's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED SERGEANT HENRY SALAZAR

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Henry Salazar. Sergeant Salazar lives in Highland, California and served our country faithfully during the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Salazar began his army career on June 8, 1966, when he enrolled for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completing basic training, he was sent to Huntsville, Alabama for missile base training where he specialized in ammunition. Sergeant Salazar then traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia for paratrooper school after which he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. Sergeant Salazar was sent to Vietnam in November 1967 on Thanksgiving Day and was stationed at such notable locations as Bien Hoa Village, Phuc Vinh, and Nam Hai.

I am honored to recognize Sergeant Salazar's incredible career, and to welcome him home during his visit to Washington, DC as all Vietnam veterans should have been decades ago. Our veterans have earned our undying gratitude and their heroic service to our country will never be forgotten. I wish Sergeant Salazar a safe and memorable trip to our nation's capital and thank him again for his dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIN COUNTY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Habitat for Humanity of Collin County as they celebrate 30 years of invaluable housing assistance and commitment to fostering safe and healthy communities in Texas' Third District.

The Collin County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity was incorporated on August 26, 1992, with the goal of providing Collin County families in need with the opportunity to fulfill their dream of homeownership.

Since its inception, Habitat for Humanity of Collin County has worked alongside 228 families to build safe and affordable homes and has successfully completed more than 2,142 repair projects. In addition to the organization's efforts to provide direct housing assistance, Collin County Habitat for Humanity has expanded its services through the opening of two ReStore locations which serve as discount home improvement and donation centers. These ReStores offer reusable and low-cost building materials to the public and use all profits earned to fund the construction of new homes.

The support of the community coupled with the work of countless volunteers is what has enabled Habitat for Humanity of Collin County to successfully provide these vital housing services. Each day, this organization exemplifies what can be achieved when members of a community work together for the common good.

Now as we recognize Habitat for Humanity of Collin County on this milestone occasion, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their thirty years of dedicated service to Collin County.

PETER DEWOLF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter DeWolf for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Member of the Year Award.

The Member of the Year Award is given to an individual who exemplifies exceptional leadership and above all else, commitment to our community. Peter DeWolf has been an outstanding member of the Wheat Ridge Business Association, bringing his expertise and leadership to all that he does. Mr. DeWolf has attended more events and meetings than any other non-board member. Mr. DeWolf brings his cheerful spirit and positive perspective to every meeting he attends and often generously donates his delicious toffee to member meetings. Mr. DeWolf embodies the best of Wheat Ridge and is a treasured member of our community.

I thank Mr. DeWolf for his service to the great City of the Wheat Ridge.

RECOGNIZING SECRETARY-TREASURER MARY SHULTZ AND HER HUSBAND DAVE FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE GARLAND-TOMPKINS AMERICAN LEGION POST 399

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Secretary-Treasurer Mary Shultz and her husband Dave for their years of service to the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399. Through their exceptional leadership, steadfast devotion, and willingness to serve, the Shultz family has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

After the Legion Hall burned down in 1992, Secretary-Treasurer Shultz volunteered to help in the financing and construction of the new hall. For the next 30 years, she served dutifully as the Post's Secretary-Treasurer—paying bills, tracking membership, and providing sound advice to the Post's Commanders. Her 'boots on the ground' work ethic has driven the Post's success and inspired a higher level of achievement from its members. During the Post's dinners and community outreach events, Secretary-Treasurer Shultz has worked closely with other senior leadership to ensure that every member and guest feels welcome. In all of her efforts, she has been supported by her husband Dave, who has also played a major role in the execution of the Post's tasks and projects. Serving as a sounding board to the Post's leadership, he has always provided the right advice for the occasion. This family team's collective contributions to the Post and community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service of Secretary-Treasurer Mary Shultz and Dave Shultz. Their actions and work have embodied the highest

level of patriotism and service to the citizens of their community.

HONORING VANESSA CASTILLO
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Vanessa Castillo has been a public servant for almost 24 years. The daughter of Puerto Rican parents, she was born and raised in Chicago where she began her studies and taught minority youth.

After moving to Florida in 1998, she began working for the Orange County government where she served for nine years in four departments while obtaining her Associate of Arts degree in 2001 from Valencia College. This led to a new career path serving as a clerk for the municipalities of Haines City, Lakeland-by-the-Sea, and Winter Haven, where Vanessa serves as that city's first Hispanic city clerk. While serving the citizens of Winter Haven, she received her Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management with a concentration in public administration from Polk State College.

A committed public servant, she is honored to serve citizens with integrity, transparency, fairness, honesty, and equality. She is always eager to help them understand the inner workings of government and see it in a positive light. Her greatest motivations are her parents. Her late mother, a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico, came to the U.S. in the 1970s and was a straight-A student who dreamed of becoming an accountant. Yet, she sacrificed her higher education to put her children first. Her father, also from Caguas, came to the U.S. in 1955 to seek better opportunities. A retired electrician, he dropped out of high school to help his family and later received his GED. Through their efforts, Vanessa became a strong and successful Hispanic woman who has never forgotten her roots.

HONORING THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH IN ALEXANDRIA,
LOUISIANA

HON. JULIA LETLOW

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria and its 175 years of service to its congregation and the community.

The First United Methodist Church of Alexandria has an incredibly rich history. In 1847, they were known as the Methodist Church Episcopal South, then recognized as the Methodist Church Episcopal South, where they incorporated the introduction of Methodism in Central Louisiana by the intrepid Methodist Circuit Riders.

Initially, the congregation would come together among various venues for services. The first church building is thought to have been on Front Street, among additional locations, until most of Alexandria was burned by

Union troops as they retreated down the Red River in 1864.

The church was rebuilt in 1907, with the new sanctuary located at 630 Jackson Street. In 1927, the construction of an education building followed. Both buildings stand proudly today, having served the Methodists of Alexandria and other congregations since 1968.

In 1968, the church relocated to its current location at 2727 Jackson Street in Alexandria's historic Garden District. The church has since been expanded and updated to better serve the Congregation and the growing needs of Alexandria and the CenLa region.

Among the church community are 69 pastors, many associate pastors, staffers, and lay leaders that have guided and supported the church as it serves the community through various organizations and initiatives such as sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop, an annual arts festival, Buddy Camp, and Fostering the Community Care Closet.

Today, I come before the House to honor the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria on its 175th anniversary and applaud the service they have shown to the people of Central Louisiana.

HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN
OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Korean and Vietnam War Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon. When I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of Douglas MacArthur, who said, "Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." The words he spoke then, Madam Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one of them chose to defend freedom through acts of service, incredible sacrifice, and bravery on behalf of our country. It is my privilege to include in the Record their names.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: John Cullett, Navy; Thomas Clarke, Marine Corps; Robert Cline, Air Force; Dominic LaRosa, Navy; Harry Nystrom, Navy; Richard Traugh, Army; Virgil Wilkes, Army; Agnes Aamot, Air Force; Edward Seto, Army; Charles Arguijo, Marine Corps; Steven Baker, Navy; John Banuat, Army; Ronald Bly, Marine Corps; Robert Danielson, Air Force; Charles Elmore, Army; Gary Goulart, Navy; Melvin Griffith, Navy; Karl Hoehne, Marine Corps; Larry Larangiera, Army; Richard Otto, Navy; Kenneth Pottmeyer, Army; James Pringle, Navy; Don Stark, Air Force; Clyde Thrift, Air Force; Terry Weakley, Army; Billy Wirsch, Navy; Warren Clark, Marine Corps; Charles Elmore, Army; Helene LaRosa, Air Force; Bryan Bailey, Navy; and Nicholas Rupe, National Guard. These heroes join over 240,000 Veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Madam Speaker, Ronald Reagan affirmed that, "We owe this freedom of choice and ac-

tion to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free." As a nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily underwent dangers and successes in order to preserve our country and way of life. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER DAN
DYER AND HIS FAMILY FOR
THEIR SERVICE TO THE GAR-
LAND-TOMPKINS AMERICAN LE-
GION POST 399

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Commander Dan Dyer and his family for their years of service to the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399. Through their exceptional leadership, steadfast devotion, and willingness to serve, the Dyer family has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

In 1966 at the age of 18, Commander Dyer was drafted into the United States Army. A member of the 1st Infantry Division, Bravo Company, he deployed to Southeast Asia where he served with honor and courage as a radio operator and combat soldier during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the United States 13 months later, he was stationed at Fort Bragg and served as a Drill Sergeant.

With the support of his wife Cindy and his son Jeff, Commander Dyer has dutifully served the Garland-Tompkins American Legion for more than 20 years. After joining the Post in 2001, he later became Post Vice-Commander and then Post Commander in 2012. In these roles, he worked tirelessly to accomplish the many missions and tasks of the Post. However, he did not do this alone. Both his wife Cindy and his son Jeff have played integral roles in the Post's community outreach efforts—organizing dinners and fundraisers, writing cards to sick Veterans, assisting Post members with their home maintenance needs, along with much more. This family team's collective contributions to the Post and community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service of Commander Dan Dyer, Cindy Dyer, and Jeff Dyer. Their actions and work have embodied the highest level of patriotism and service to the citizens of their community.