

the home front during WWII, which led to a temporary position working for the National Park Service at the age of 84. Betty became a permanent National Park Service employee in 2011 and has been leading public programs and sharing her personal stories and observations with park visitors ever since.

Betty gained national fame in 2013, during the government shutdown, when media outlets wanted to interview her as the oldest National Park Service ranger, to get her take on the shutdown. Betty participated in numerous national television interviews but managed to stay out of the political fray, saying that she wanted to focus what little time she had left on getting back to work, sharing her stories of the WWII home front. In 2015, Betty was selected by the National Park Service to participate in the national tree-lighting ceremony at the White House and introduced President Barack Obama in the national telecast on the annual PBS special. In fall 2019, Betty suffered a stroke and spent months in therapy, returning to work just before the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Prior to her retirement, Betty started doing weekly virtual visits to continue to share her perspectives with visitors.

Like many park rangers, Betty's path to the National Park Service may not have been the most direct, but we have all benefited from her decision to dedicate herself to public service. Her firsthand experiences on the home front during WWII help provide critical lessons for all Americans, regardless of their age, and we are so thankful that Betty chose to spend so many years of her life sharing her experiences with us all. We will certainly miss her insights and passion, but she has earned this retirement. On behalf of myself and Senator DAINES, I extend our best wishes to Betty and thank her again for her service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CAMERON MOORE

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Cam for his hard work as an intern in my Casper Office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Cam is a native of Casper. He is a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School. Cam currently attends Casper College, where he is studying political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Cam for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

TRIBUTE TO RACHELLE TRUJILLO

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Rachelle for her hard work as an intern in my Casper Office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Rachelle is a native of Casper. She is a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School. Rachelle currently attends Casper College, where she is studying international studies and communications. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Rachelle for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.●

TRIBUTE TO VIOLET WRIGHT

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Violet for her hard work as an intern in my Casper Office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Violet is a native of Casper. She is a graduate of Natrona County High School. Violet currently attends Casper College, where she is studying public relations and human communications. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Violet for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.●

TRIBUTE TO KAY GUINANE

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise as chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee to honor and recognize the contributions of Kay Guinane upon her retirement from the Charity and Security Network.

In 2009, Ms. Guinane founded the Charity and Security Network—C and SN—a resource and advocacy center for nonprofit organizations to promote and protect their ability to carry out effective programs that support peace and human rights, aid civilians in areas of disaster and armed conflict, and build democratic governance.

Kay formed C and SN after observing significant obstacles in achieving critical humanitarian, peacebuilding and human rights programs. She recognized laws that restricted interactions with and financial support for designated groups and individuals were also se-

verely limiting the critical work of civil society programs that provided assistance to the most vulnerable populations around the world. C and SN blazed a trail in being one of the first nonprofit organizations to address these issues.

Early on, in concert with colleagues around the world who had experienced similar impediments, Kay began engaging with elected officials and administration policymakers, seeking solutions, including the committees in Congress responsible for illicit finance and sanctions policy. Kay and her organization were a critical resource for the Senate Banking Committee for years as we addressed important policy issues, and unintended consequences of certain policies around illicit financing, bank de-risking, the conveyance of remittances overseas from families in the US—including large communities of Somalis, Ethiopians, and people from across Latin America—and other issues.

In May 2010, Kay testified in the first congressional oversight hearing since September 11, 2001, to look at the impact of anti-terrorist financing enforcement policies on the U.S. charitable sector. The hearing entitled, "Anti-Money Laundering: Blocking Terrorist Financing and Its Impact on Lawful Charities," was held by the House Financial Services subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. During the hearing, a Treasury official acknowledged that the laws aimed at stopping terrorist financing could have the unintended consequence of harming the effectiveness of certain charitable programs. Kay outlined specific problems faced by the U.S. nonprofit sector, including the issue of banks freezing accounts indefinitely, and noted the negative impact of U.S. Treasury enforcement actions on legitimate charitable organizations operating solely to assist vulnerable populations.

Over the next decade, Kay and the work of C and SN were a driving force in efforts to address challenges civil society groups had in implementing their essential lifesaving, peacebuilding and human rights work. Kay's vision and efforts built an impressive network of nearly 200 organizations internationally with a shared goal of assisting the most vulnerable and protecting fundamental civil liberties. These organizations addressed issues surrounding civil societal concerns and financial access restrictions for nonprofits to combating obstacles in reaching general populations due to specific sanctioned entities.

By drawing on legal expertise, firsthand experiences of those working with these limitations, and policy analysis, the work of C and SN has helped raise awareness of and craft solutions for civil society and human rights concerns around the world. It has also resulted in tangible improvements in regulations, international guidelines, and policies. One notable and tangible

legislative victory was in key provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, which assisted to improve financial access for charities.

While her steadfast work will be missed, Kay's legacy at C and SN and its network of affiliates will have an impact on global civil liberties and human rights issues going forward. I offer her my heartfelt congratulations to her on her retirement, and wish her—and C and SN, which she leaves in good hands—all the best going forward.●

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 DAVID HAMMON

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable career of CW5 David Hammon, a 42-year servicemember of the Illinois Army National Guard who will retire on April 30, 2022. Chief Hammon was the fifth command chief warrant officer of the State of Illinois and only the third full-time soldier to hold the position.

Chief Hammon enlisted in the Army as an aircraft mechanic in 1980. He served with the 219th Transportation Company, 40th Aviation Battalion (Attack Helicopter), 1144th Transportation Battalion, and 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment. In 1996, he became an aviation warrant officer with the 106th. He served in various units and positions, to include aviation intermediate maintenance, light medium transportation, lift, and aviation unit maintenance. His latest assignment was as a maintenance test pilot for Company D, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment in Decatur, flying the UH-60 Blackhawk. Chief Hammon deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn. In 2004 to 2005, he deployed with Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, and in 2009 to 2010, he deployed with Company A, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment. His overseas deployment training missions include Germany, El Salvador, Panama, Iceland, and Hawaii.

Chief Hammon's military awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (Numeral 2), Army Commendation Medal (3 oakleaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Bronze Service Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M 2 Device), Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (Numeral 7), Illinois State Active Duty (Numeral 2), Army Combat Action Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Army Excellence in Competition Badge Bronze Rifle, Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Chief Hammon's leadership, determination, and commitment have no doubt changed lives and helped to make our country safer. As his Army career ends, may he continue to be

"Always Ready, Always There!" and forever take pride in knowing that his exemplary efforts and unwavering professionalism contributed greatly to the success of the Army and the National Guard mission.●

REMEMBERING COLONEL GAIL S. HALVORSEN

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, Col. Gail S. Halvorsen is known as the "Candy Bomber" because in 1948, Colonel Halvorsen brought not only much needed supplies to the besieged residents of Berlin, but he brought joy in the form of candy bars and bubble gum with miniature parachutes dropped from his airplane. This story of hope, light, and service is but a highlight in a life dedicated to serving others.

While Colonel Halvorsen passed away earlier this year at the notable age of 101 years, the people of Utah hold him and his story close to our hearts. Recently, my staff and I were honored to join the Gail S. Halvorsen Foundation and other groups in Utah to help facilitate the donation of six tons of school and baby supplies along with 9,000 letters from Utah schoolchildren to refugees fleeing Ukraine. While logistical challenges are characteristic of international donations of this type, the dedication of the Halvorsen Foundation and all involved ensured these vital supplies made it safely to those within a critical timeline.

In a time of violence and evil, when our friends are under attack, Gail Halvorsen is again leading the way for American generosity, kindness, and compassion. The parallels between these two tragic situations are moving. The men and women of America's military volunteered in aiding in delivering supplies to those in need. The Halvorsen family and foundation were involved intimately in the effort. Colonel Halvorsen's daughter brought along chocolate bars to induct the Navy pilots as some of the next generation of "candy bombers." These supplies landed at Tempelhof airbase where the legend began. Now, as then, the people of the United States are showing characteristic kindness. It is particularly moving to me that alongside the supplies and necessities of life, this shipment included touching letters from the schoolchildren of Utah. Gail Halvorsen is remembered not for his efficiency or logistics, but his kindness and gift for human connection.

These diapers, packages of formula, and school supplies will be used by the most vulnerable of the Ukrainian refugees. This gesture of kindness will lift up weary hands and encourage struggling hearts of the mothers and fathers of these children. Importantly, at this moment of difficulty and despair, the Gail Halvorsen Foundation and the people of Utah are also remembering the people behind the tragedy and are remembering kindness, humanity, and an individual touch in the effort to relieve suffering.

The people of Utah are not unfamiliar with stories of displacement. Utah was settled by religious refugees seeking freedom from persecution and violence. Indeed, the history of the United States is broadly marked by groups fleeing violence, persecution, or turmoil in their homelands. The American empathy for refugees and desire to help those in desperate need is alive and well in the hearts and minds of Utahns.

Col. Gail S. Halvorsen lived a life dedicated to service. His signature kindness shines brightly in telling his signature story. His glowing smile matched his glowing personality. In Utah, we miss the "Candy Bomber" and his personal touch. Nevertheless, his mission and influence continues.

The dedicated work of the Gail S. Halvorsen Foundation is changing lives today. Be it caring for refugees, inspiring kindness, or building future generations of STEM professionals, the Gail S. Halvorsen Foundation continues the legacy of one of Utah's greatest citizens. Col. Gail S. Halvorsen's story, his legacy, and his influence carry on bringing smiles and relief all along the way.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MICHAEL THOMAS

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, while it is not possible to specifically recognize every Vietnam veteran who honorably served our Nation, each time we celebrate one, we also focus our attention on thousands of others, many of whom lost their lives decades ago.

Today, I want to honor David Michael Thomas, who followed in the footsteps of his own father, Glenn Elmore Thomas, a personal bodyguard for Dwight D. Eisenhower, and joined the U.S. Army in 1970. Specialist Thomas was stationed outside the Tan Son Nhut Air Field with the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, 525th Military Intelligence Group for 2 years. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he graduated from Western Kentucky University in my hometown of Bowling Green and, most notably, met his future wife, Julia Kirk at the Baptist Student Union. Together, they embarked on his 40 years of pastoral ministry in seven different States, finally retiring back in our community. He and Julia are blessed with four children and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His legacy of serving others, first in the Armed Services and then in pastoral ministry, continues in a unique way with which I have a personal connection. His daughter, Amy Bee, is a constituent service representative in my office in Bowling Green. She is one of the many talented staff members