

Sergeant Lomell directing his men as they landed under the withering fire of the German forces.”

For his amazing leadership and extraordinarily brave acts, Bud Lomell received the Distinguished Service Cross—the second highest military decoration. The citation said in part: “First Sergeant Lomell led a patrol of men through the heaviest kind of automatic weapons fire to destroy an enemy machine gun nest. Later on, the same day, while leading another patrol, he penetrated through the enemy lines to the rear and discovered five enemy 155-mm. guns . . . he gallantly led his patrol against the enemy and successfully destroyed the guns . . . First Sergeant Lomell’s bold and outstanding leadership in the face of superior numbers is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.”

Lomell also received a rare battlefield promotion to Second Lieutenant, and it was said that “there was not a man who did not feel proud to serve under him.”

Six months later, Bud Lomell served in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest, where he and D Company helped capture and defend the Notorious Hill 400, which had claimed thousands of his fellow servicemen’s lives. He was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for his valor in combat. His Silver Star citation states: “Conspicuously leading from the front, Lomell directed the successful defense of the hilltop in the face of a nearly overwhelming German counterattack midday . . . Refusing shelter and, at risk of life with blood oozing from his ears, nose, and mouth, firing his machine gun cradled in his bandaged left arm with his right hand, he continued to lead his men against another ruthless German assault throughout the entire afternoon.”

Bud was wounded at Hurtgen and again weeks later in the Battle of the Bulge.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star, Bud Lomell received other awards including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters and France’s highest medal—the Legion of Honor.

A little further background: born in Brooklyn in 1920, Bud Lomell was adopted by Scandinavian immigrants and raised in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, along with his four siblings. His parents instilled in him a strong work ethic and he often worked odd jobs to help support his family during the Great Depression, which included delivering mail, caddying at Manasquan River Golf Club, and selling his father’s paintings to guests at local hotels. This relentless drive also followed him in sports, where he became a stellar boxer and played football and baseball. He earned a partial football scholarship at Tennessee Wesleyan University, where he worked part time to support his aging parents.

Bud Lomell married Charlotte Ewart, a public health nurse in Long Branch. They settled in Toms River, where they raised three daughters, Georgine, Pauline, and Renee. They also took in Elizabeth “Buffy” and Jay Bergson, the children of Charlotte’s sister who passed unexpectedly, and raised them as their own. Lomell’s daughter Renee describes her beloved dad as a caring and devoted father who loved and valued their mother and taught them to, as he would say, “work hard, be respectful, and do the right thing.”

Bud Lomell was appointed to serve as the first director of the newly organized Ocean

County Veterans Service Bureau to assist veterans with their transition to civilian life. He later graduated from Rutgers Law School and opened one of Ocean County’s largest and most successful law firms. Initially a member of the prestigious Ocean County Lawyers’ Club, he resigned in protest when the club would not admit a Jewish lawyer whom he had recommended. “I’m not going to tolerate any anti-Semitism,” he said at the time. “I didn’t fight Nazis in Europe to come home and find anti-Semitism in my backyard.”

He was an active participant in civil life, serving as president of the Ocean County Bar Association, a director of the First National Bank of Toms River, a member of the Dover Township Board of Education, and a co-founder of the Garden State Philharmonic.

The 68,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility, which we hope will soon bear his name, provides both primary care as well as specialty care, including dental care, women’s health care, mental health counseling, physical therapy, and laboratory services. It is only fitting that a clinic that has already done so much for our community be named after a true war hero who dedicated his life to the service of his country and its veterans.

As President Reagan famously put it in his speech at Pointe du Hoc, the men who invaded Normandy, including and most especially Bud Lomell, “had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next.” They were “the men who took the cliffs.” They were “the champions who helped free a continent.” They were “the heroes who helped end a war.” In enduring gratitude to them, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in bestowing this posthumous honor on Second Lieutenant Bud Lomell.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I missed the second vote in the series on July 14, 2025. Had I not missed the vote, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 192, H.R. 177.

HONORING RIITTA DEANDA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Riitta DeAnda, a leader and public servant who has been named California’s 4th Congressional District 2025 American Dream Award Recipient for Solano County. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in our district who have made remarkable contributions to our communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service.

Mrs. DeAnda was born in Turku, Finland, and immigrated with her parents to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where they became Canadian

citizens. Eight years later, they moved to Richmond, California, fulfilling her father’s longstanding goal of settling in the United States. Mrs. DeAnda became a U.S. citizen at age 22.

Mrs. DeAnda worked for a large commercial insurance company in San Francisco for many years, after which she founded an insurance agency in Vallejo and later moved its office location to American Canyon. She became involved in the communities where her office was located by joining the local Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. DeAnda feels it is important to make a difference in the communities in which you work and live. In 2018, she sold the insurance agency but has not slowed down.

Around the district, Mrs. DeAnda is known for her enthusiasm and dedication to various organizations, many of which she has been involved with for years. Currently, Mrs. DeAnda serves as the Chair of the Napa-Solano Area Council on Aging, the Treasurer of Sierra Club Solano, and the Secretary of the Northern Solano Democratic Club. Additionally, she was a Board Member of Travis Unified School District and served as its President from 2020–2021. Mrs. DeAnda actively engages with our community as she serves as a Committee Member of Walk to End Alzheimer’s Solano, leadership of Solano Together, and a Board Member of the Finnish American Home Association (FAHA). She is involved in organizations that reflect her personal experiences and values, allowing her to advocate for causes that resonate with her identity and represent the needs and perspectives of her community.

Mrs. DeAnda also aids our district by helping community members. Licensed by the IRS, Mrs. DeAnda has been able to help our community members prepare their tax return documents. Additionally, Mrs. DeAnda has helped produce a monthly newsletter for Councilmember Jeannette Wylie, has become a Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy counselor, and has helped distribute quilts to those in need through Lutheran World Relief. Her dedication to philanthropy and helping others is admirable and has a positive impact on our community.

Mrs. DeAnda is a powerful embodiment of civic engagement, where she has exercised her rights and voted in every election since she became a citizen. It is a right she is proud to have and even spurred her to join the Northern Solano Democratic Club, later becoming the organization’s Secretary, and has phone-banked during numerous election cycles, motivating others to become civically involved.

Mrs. DeAnda earned her master’s degree from San Francisco State University. She was married to the late James DeAnda and is the proud mother of their daughter, Kristina, who resides in Denver, Colorado, and their son, James, who lives in Vacaville with his wife and their five children.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we honor Riitta DeAnda for her service, leadership, and dedication to California’s 4th District.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.

This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Seval Oz, of California, and Michael Rutherford, of Florida, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Gregory Zerzan, of Texas, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine challenges to meeting increased electricity demand.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katherine Scarlett, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Jeffrey Hall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine dismantling transnational criminal organizations in the Americas.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Craig Trainor, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029, Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and David Peters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SD-538

2 p.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Education and the American Family

To hold hearings to examine choice and literacy, focusing on empowering families for better educational results.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine United States diplomatic strategies for a dynamic Middle East.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine ending illegal discrimination and preferences, focusing on enforcing our civil rights laws.

SD-226

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine innovation in the crosshairs, focusing on countering China's industrial espionage.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard Fordyce, of Missouri, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.

SR-328A

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine the road ahead, focusing on proposals to improve America's transportation infrastructure.

SD-562

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Bartrum, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Jeremiah Workman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SR-418

JULY 24

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of David Brian Castillo, of Washington, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, Brian Christine, of Alabama, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Brittany Panuccio, of Florida, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2029, Jonathan Snare, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2029, David Barker, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Mary Riley, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, both of the Department of Education.

TBA

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Daryl L. Caudle, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Department of Defense.

SD-G50

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026", and an original bill entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026".

SD-106

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Pedro Allende, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Sean Plankey, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, Paul Ingrassia, of New York, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Anthony Lomangino, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2031, John LaValle, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2030, Charles Arrington, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2030, Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Edward Aloysius O'Connell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine empowering workers by expanding employee ownership.

SD-430

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1038, to direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, S. 1098, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, S. 1528, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations, and the nominations of Kurt Alme, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Nicholas Chase, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, Lesley Murphy, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, Jeanine Pirro, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Daniel Rosen, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Erik Siebert, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Kurt Wall, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana.

SH-216

2 p.m.

JULY 29

Commission on Security and Cooperation
in Europe
To hold hearings to examine intercepting
terror, focusing on strengthening
Ukrainian air defense.

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To receive a closed briefing on Operation
MIDNIGHT HAMMER.

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