RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES NAVY SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DONALD JONES AS OCTOBER 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Senior Chief Petty Officer Donald Jones for his service in the United States Navy and his work supporting fellow veterans in Sandusky. It is my privilege to honor him as our October 2026 Veteran of the Month.

Senior Chief Jones enlisted in the Navy in 1977 after graduating from high school, beginning what would become a 32-year military career spanning active duty and reserve service. After serving aboard two warships and completing shore assignments in Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego, California, he left active duty in 1987 to spend more time with his wife and three young children. He later took a job at a Michigan foundry and moved his family to Sanilac County.

After ten years in the civilian workforce, Senior Chief Jones joined the Navy Reserve and served with a Seabee battalion at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. In 2003, he returned to active duty. Over the next 16 years, he served aboard four additional ships and spent three years instructing fellow sailors at a naval base in Groton, Connecticut.

Alongside his Navy assignments, he earned a bachelor's degree in business management and graduated from the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island. He also served aboard the USS *Enterprise* during her final deployment before the historic ship was retired. His final assignment was as an Assistant Supply Officer at Camp David, the presidential retreat.

Senior Chief Jones received numerous military honors, including two Joint Service Commendation Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals.

After retiring from the Navy, he earned a second bachelor's degree in World History. He and his wife returned to Sandusky to be near their children and grandchildren. He now serves as the Financial Officer for American Legion Post 369.

Mr. Speaker, Senior Chief Jones' dedication to serving others extends well beyond his years in uniform. I am proud to name him our October 2026 Veteran of the Month.

HONORING STACEY MARTINEZ AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stacey Martinez as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. A Vallejo native, Stacey has dedicated nearly three decades to supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Beginning her career as a Respite Care Provider in 1998, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to empowering individuals to live independently and lead fulfilling lives.

Stacey currently serves as Executive Director of The Arc-Solano. Her career reflects a deep commitment to inclusion, dignity, and opportunity for all. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Stacey is an active community leader. She serves on the North Bay Regional Centers' Vendor Advisory Committee, participates in the California Conference of Executives of the Arc of California, and serves on the NBRC Board of Directors' Public Policy Committee.

Stacey's dedication extends to numerous local organizations, including Soroptimist International of Vallejo, the Cave Language Academy PTA, 100+ Women Who Care Solano County, Leadership Vallejo and the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. Through her leadership and service, Stacey has made a lasting impact on individuals with disabilities, their families, and the broader Vallejo community. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Stacey Martinez for her outstanding contributions to our community.

HONORING COLONEL DONALD R. ''DON'' SCHREIBER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Donald ''Don'' R. Schreiber of Waco, Texas, with a 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Don's distinguished career in the United States Air Force, years of service to fellow veterans and the Waco community, and lifelong commitment to our Nation exemplify the character, leadership, and dedication worthy of this recognition.

Born in Seattle, Washington, and raised on Whidbey Island by a devoted mother after the early loss of Don's father, Don attended Washington State University and joined Air Force ROTC. Encouraged by a trainer who noted that Don had the best eyesight of all the applicants, Don pursued a pilot slot and excelled in every screening. Don was commissioned in 1964 and completed pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, beginning a distinguished 28-year career that culminated in Don's attaining the rank of Colonel.

Don's military service included some of the most demanding assignments of his generation. After flying the RF–4C reconnaissance jet across Europe from RAF Alconbury in England, Don volunteered for Vietnam. From 1967 to 1968, Don flew 100 combat missions over North Vietnam from Udorn, Thailand, as part of one of the youngest aircrews in Southeast Asia. On November 19, 1967, Don flew a low-level reconnaissance mission over Hanoi through heavy surface-to-air missile fire, earning the Silver Star. Don later flew the KC–135 tanker and the U–2 reconnaissance aircraft, supporting intelligence missions around the world during the Cold War. Throughout his career, Don held significant leadership positions, including commanding the U–2 detachment at Osan Air Base in Korea, serving as Deputy Director of the Strategic Air Command Reconnaissance Center, commanding the U–2, SR–71, and T–38 training squadron at Beale Air Force Base in California, and serving as Vice Wing Commander and then Wing Commander at Beale.

Don continued to distinguish through advanced military education and professional achievement. Don attended the Air Force Command and Staff College and earned a master's degree from Troy State University, later completing Air War College. Don also served as a staff officer with the Air Force Technical Applications Center, focusing on airborne nuclear detection systems. Don's extraordinary military service was recognized with numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with sixteen Oak Leaf Clusters, and other unit and service commendations. In 1989, Don became the commander of Air Force ROTC at Baylor University and retired from the Air Force in 1992 after 28 years of service.

Don's commitment to service did not end with military retirement. Don went on to a second career as a professor in the Marketing and Management Department of Baylor University's business school, teaching for 26 years before retiring in 2016. In this role, Don found fulfillment in preparing generations of young Americans for professional success, continuing the leadership and service that had defined Don's military career.

Don's family has been central to this life of service. Married since December 1968, Don and his wife raised three daughters, Laura, Kirsten, and Erin, through many moves and long deployments. All three daughters graduated from Baylor University, and together Don and his wife are now proud grandparents of thirteen grandchildren. Don's family exemplifies the sacrifice and strength of the military families who stand behind every servicemember.

Don has also devoted more than three decades to the local community and fellow veterans. Since arriving in Waco in 1989, Don has served as a past President of the Military Officers Association of America, a past Flight Captain of the Daedalian Society, and a past President of the Baylor Bear Foundation. Don helped organize the third Red River Rats convention and serves as a member and usher of First United Methodist Church. Don's commitment to service has been reflected in countless volunteer roles that have strengthened Central Texas.

Don's life is ultimately defined not simply by the honors received, but by the way he has continued to lead, mentor, and serve others. From distinguished service as an Air Force aviator and combat veteran to years of teaching, volunteering, and supporting fellow veterans, Don has demonstrated an unwavering sense of duty and devotion to country.

It is this extraordinary record of military service, leadership, teaching, volunteerism, and continued commitment to fellow Americans that I proudly commend Colonel Donald R. ''Don'' Schreiber of Waco, Texas to friends, family, community, and country. It is my honor to recognize Don with the 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. RUSSELL FRY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the South Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame for its dedication to honoring the generations of South Carolinians whose courage, sacrifice, and service have defended our Nation and preserved our freedoms. As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of our independence, we are reminded of South Carolina's proud tradition of military service, dating back to the founding of our Republic. From the Patriots who fought at Sullivan's Island, Kings Mountain, and Cowpens to the brave men and women serving in uniform today, South Carolinians have answered our Nation's call for two and a half centuries.

The South Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame serves to preserve this remarkable legacy by recognizing distinguished veterans and sharing their stories with future generations. Through its commitment to honoring those who have served, the Hall of Fame reminds us that the freedoms we enjoy are made possible by the courage and sacrifice of our servicemembers and their families. I commend the Hall of Fame, its Board of Directors, and its inductees for their steadfast dedication to preserving South Carolina's rich military heritage and ensuring that the contributions of our veterans are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the South Carolina Military Veterans Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to the men and women who have served our State and Nation with honor and distinction. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this outstanding organization and expressing our deepest gratitude to the veterans and military families whose sacrifices have safeguarded our freedoms.

RECOGNIZING MYRA PAIGE AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Myra Paige as one of California's 24th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Each year, I have the honor of recognizing women on the Central Coast whose leadership, service, and dedication have left a lasting impact on our community through the Women of the Year Award. This year, it is my pleasure to recognize Myra Paige for her advocacy, public service, and commitment to defending Democratic values across the Central Coast and nationwide.

Myra has devoted ten years of service to Indivisible Santa Barbara (ISB), a local non-profit committed to defending our democracy against further democratic backsliding and dismantling the influence of oligarchs in our community. She currently serves as the President of ISB and co-leads Commit to Democracy Santa Barbara (CTD), one of the most highly regarded postcard-writing campaigns in our nation. Under Myra's leadership, 500 volunteers send up to 10,000 postcards monthly to support critical Congressional and Senatorial campaigns nationwide.

Myra joined Indivisible Santa Barbara after a profoundly moving event: the 2016 election night. As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, she felt a deep-seated recognition that history can repeat itself. Instead of surrendering to despair and despondency, Myra converted that fear into concrete action. Through ISB, Myra mobilized the community against authoritarianism by spearheading a pivotal town hall with Congressman CARBAJAL, California State Senator Pro Tem Monique Limón, and Assemblymember Gregg Hart, organized the ''No Kings'' rallies, and led weekly demonstrations focused on protecting one another and fortifying our local safety net.

To scale this impact, Myra built lasting local coalitions, notably ''The Summit,'' uniting the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County, the Fund for Santa Barbara, Planned Parenthood Central Coast, and Commit to Democracy SB to align political strategy and amplify collective action. Myra also strengthened partnerships with 805 UndocuFund and the Immigrant Legal Defense Center (ILDC), fortifying defenses for the local immigrant community against persistent attacks. Among her most notable achievements, Myra successfully advocated against ICE activity on the Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) campus. Her direct engagement with the SBCC Board of Trustees led to a unanimous vote in January 2026 prohibiting ICE from entering campus grounds.

Beyond her leadership with ISB and CTD, Myra serves as a Board Member of Planned Parenthood Central Coast and was previously honored as the Democratic Woman of the Year by the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County. I am proud to recognize Myra Paige for her extraordinary record of leadership, advocacy, and service advancing Democratic change in our Central Coast community and beyond.

RECOGNIZING KATIE NEFF

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Katie Neff, of Keystone, South Dakota, for her eight years of dedication and service to my congressional office, and her total of 11 years of service to the State of South Dakota. Katie served as the West River Director, providing leadership to my Rapid City office and representation to western South Dakota.

Katie excelled at listening to the concerns of western South Dakota and representing my office in this region of the state. She was heavily involved in community functions and served as a voice for the office.

During her time, Katie completed more than 400 cases, helping South Dakotans navigate challenges with federal agencies.

She provided expert insights on forestry, timber, and federal lands policy issues. I am grateful for her guidance on these issues.

I would also like to recognize her husband, Kwinn.

I am grateful for Katie's years of service to the people of South Dakota and for her commitment to public service.

HONORING CRISTY DIANNA BOSTIC WITH THE UNSEEN SERVICE AWARD

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cristy Dianna Bostic as a recipient of the Unseen Service Award and to honor her extraordinary dedication as a military and veteran caregiver, devoted spouse, and steadfast supporter of veterans throughout Northeast Ohio.

The Unseen Service Award recognizes the spouses, caregivers, Gold Star families, and military families whose sacrifices are too often made outside of public view. These individuals remind us that service to our Nation is not carried by those in uniform alone. Behind our servicemembers and veterans are families who provide care, stability, encouragement, and strength through some of life's most difficult circumstances. Mrs. Bostic exemplifies that spirit of service.

Cristy and her husband, United States Army veteran Larry Robert Bostic, Jr., have been married since 1998. Throughout their marriage, she supported her husband through the demands of his career, frequent moves, extensive travel, and significant health challenges, while also caring for their family.

Their lives changed dramatically in 2015 when Mr. Bostic suffered a spinal cord injury that resulted in quadriplegia. During months of hospitalization, rehabilitation, and the difficult adjustment that followed, Mrs. Bostic remained steadfastly by his side.

As her husband adapted to life with a significant disability, Mrs. Bostic assumed the responsibilities of a long-term caregiver. She has assisted with personal care, meals, transportation, household responsibilities, medication management, appointments, and the many activities of daily living that her husband can no longer independently perform. Just as importantly, she has provided the encouragement and emotional support necessary for him to continue living an active and purposeful life.

Her support has enabled Mr. Bostic to participate in adaptive sports, mentor fellow veterans, advocate for individuals with spinal cord injuries, and serve in leadership roles within the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Behind those accomplishments has been a caregiver willing to drive countless miles, spend hours at meetings and events, and provide the daily support necessary to make that continued service possible.

Yet Mrs. Bostic's compassion has never been limited to her own family. She has become a familiar and supportive presence among other veterans and individuals with disabilities, assisting participants at adaptive sporting events and offering encouragement wherever it is needed. She has also volunteered alongside her husband visiting veterans, including those receiving long-term care and treatment in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.