

age 101, on February 21, 2026, in Gillette, New Jersey.

Frank Orrico was born on October 24, 1924, in South Plainfield, New Jersey. Frank was the eldest of three sons born to Sabbito and Josephine Orrico, who emigrated from Italy in the early 1900s. Growing up on Pleasant Avenue in Fanwood, in a close-knit family, he earned the affectionate nickname “Friendly Frank Formerly of Fanwood,” a tribute to his outgoing personality and genuine love of people.

Frank graduated from Scotch Plains Public High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army at 18 years old. He entered active service on March 3, 1943, at Fort Dix and was deployed overseas as a Private First Class with the 12th Infantry Regiment. He served with courage in the European African-Middle Eastern Campaign during World War II. For his bravery and sacrifice, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, along with the European African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon and four bronze stars.

After the war, Frank utilized the GI Bill and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Pace University. He began his career in the Western Electric mail room and rose to management where he met his wife, Helen. They became married on May 4, 1958, and had three children.

A faithful parishioner of Christ the King Catholic church for nearly 45 years, Frank rarely missed Sunday 7:00 a.m. Mass. His deep sense of faith was a guiding force throughout his life, sustaining him through war, work, family life, and the many joys and sorrows of a century well lived.

Frank will be remembered for his courage, generosity, humor, and unwavering devotion to his faith, his family, and his country.

HONORING SPRINGS RESCUE MISSION OF COLORADO SPRINGS

**HON. JEFF CRANK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate thirty years of ministry and community impact of Springs Rescue Mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Springs Rescue Mission has become a pillar of the Pike’s Peak region, not only by caring for the homeless but as a model of local business, government, healthcare, and faith-based collaboration, for the good of the community.

In a short thirty years, Springs Rescue Mission has become an expansive homeless resource campus—a Community of Hope for the most vulnerable men and women of Colorado Springs. With 450 beds, the Mission is now the largest homeless shelter in the region. The Resource Center offers case management and other essential services to help those in need to regain their health, return to work, and find permanent housing. Every day, hundreds of neighbors in need come to the Mission for a filling meal, a hot shower, a warm bed, and compassionate care. Just next door, 65 chronically homeless people have found a home at Greenway Flats. And in the middle of it all, a new 200-seat Samaritan’s Kitchen recently opened its doors to our community.

Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:34–40 have been the underlying inspiration for the staff,

volunteers, board, and donors to the Springs Rescue Mission,

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

Springs Rescue Mission has been champions for those trapped in homelessness, addiction, and poverty, and they have been models of collaboration and partnership across every walk of life to ensure people receive the care they need. For the many friends and neighbors of Colorado Springs, receiving support from Springs Rescue Mission is far more than shelter or food; it is about belonging in a place that accepts everyone and anyone, thanks to the leadership of Travis Williams, all the team members, and the many volunteers who dedicate their time and effort simply to giving back.

Today, I stand to honor and thank all of those associated with the Springs Rescue Mission for blessing Colorado’s 5th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING BEDFORD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Bedford Heights Elementary School in Bedford, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 30 Valentine’s Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine’s Day cards received by our office.

This outpouring of kindness reflects the deep gratitude for our veterans that remains strong throughout North Texas.

The creativity and compassion demonstrated by these students are a testament to the caring spirit present throughout their school. I commend them for their generosity and community involvement and thank them for helping make this year’s Valentines for Veterans program so meaningful. It is an honor to represent them in Texas’ 24th District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RENE VASQUEZ

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Rene Vasquez of Robstown, Texas.

Known throughout our community as the “Voice of Robstown,” Mr. Vasquez was a beloved broadcaster whose voice became synonymous with local sports and community pride. He began his broadcasting career in the 1980s as a baseball color commentator and later spent nearly forty years at Magic 104.9 Radio.

Mr. Vasquez’s became a trusted voice in our community as he covered Robstown sports, broadcasting championships, playoffs, and state title contests. He is now being nominated for induction into the Texas Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Throughout much of his career, Mr. Vasquez faced serious health challenges, including diabetes and kidney disease. He persevered through these complications, often re-scheduling his dialysis so he could still be on air for Friday night football broadcasts. He always remained deeply committed to his work and the community he proudly represented. He will be remembered for his dedication, community spirit, and unwavering love of sports.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Texas’s 34th Congressional District, I honor Mr. Rene Vasquez’s remarkable life and commend his service, commitment to Robstown, and the amazing legacy he leaves behind.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT SANDRA “SANDY” MCHUGH

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor and commend Master Sergeant Sandra “Sandy” McHugh, hometown hero of Collingswood. On Thursday, March 12, 2026, family, friends, and members of the community gathered at the Collingswood Senior Community Center in Collingswood, New Jersey, to honor and recognize Master Sergeant Sandy McHugh for her service to both her community and the United States of America.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised in the Baldwin neighborhood, Master Sergeant Sandy McHugh went on to attend Carnegie Mellon University for Graphic Design. She transferred to Temple University’s Tyler School of Art where she earned a bachelor’s in fine arts and master’s in film production. After graduating she began teaching art in Cherry Hill from first to sixth grade at Johnson Elementary.

While teaching art, Master Sergeant Sandy McHugh served in the Air National Guard and went back to school, attending Glassboro State to earn her master’s degree in education. Sandy taught at Johnson Elementary school for 30 years and simultaneously served

for 29 years as a member of the 108th Air Refueling Wing of the Air Force National Guard. Stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, she achieved the rank of Master Sergeant by the time she was honorably discharged. Sandy served in the office of public relations for 21 years and spent the remaining years as the head non-commissioned officer in the Chaplain's Office. Throughout her career she travelled the country educating fellow members on services of the Chaplain's Office, contributed photographic work on behalf of the Air National Guard, protected the chaplain, and organized drives to help both soldiers and their families before and after deployment.

Today, Master Sergeant Sandra "Sandy" McHugh is a 50-year resident of the Borough of Collingswood. She has played a role in the education of many students for whom her garden was a stop for class field trips. Throughout the years, she has also donated her personal art supplies to Collingswood Schools. Sandy is also the owner of the Seacoast Art Gallery in Topsail, North Carolina, that she opens and operates each summer. The walls are covered with her artwork and spaces filled with ceramic and pottery artwork from local artists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Master Sergeant Sandra "Sandy" McHugh a citizen dedicated to both her country and community, and who has thoroughly served them both to the best of their ability.

RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES M. NITZ

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Senior Master Sergeant Charles M. Nitz for his distinguished service to our Nation and community and to honor him as our March 2026 Veteran of the Month. His decades of service reflect a steadfast dedication to duty, leadership, and service to others.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Senior Master Sergeant Nitz entered Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1984. He completed technical training and was assigned to the 81st Component Repair Squadron in the United Kingdom, where he earned the John L. Levitow Honor Graduate Award, demonstrating his commitment to excellence early in his career.

In 1988, Mr. Nitz was assigned to K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan, serving as a Flightline Maintenance Technician and supported the Advanced Cruise Missile test flight program. He was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana, and earned the title of Strategic Air Command Master Technician.

Throughout his career, Senior Master Sergeant Nitz held key leadership and operational roles in Germany, Maryland, Korea, and California. He oversaw maintenance and support for mission-critical intelligence systems, implemented protective modifications for aircrews during operations in Bosnia, and ensured successful unmanned aerial vehicle missions in

support of Air Intelligence Agency and NATO operations, reflecting his commitment to mission success and the safety of others.

After his promotion to Senior Master Sergeant in 2002, Mr. Nitz served as Maintenance Operations Flight Chief at the 352d Maintenance Squadron in the United Kingdom. His leadership contributed to the unit earning an overall "Excellent" rating during the 2005 Operational Readiness Inspection. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 2006, Mr. Nitz returned to Michigan and continued serving his community as an instructor with the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in Melvindale. He currently serves as Supervisor of Operations at the U.S. Secret Service Detroit Field Office.

Mr. Nitz lives in Macomb Township with his wife of 41 years, Lisa. They are proud parents of two daughters and grandparents to six grandchildren. Together, they enjoy traveling, biking, and spending time with their family.

Mr. Speaker, Senior Master Sergeant Charles M. Nitz's decades of dedicated service, both in uniform and in his community, exemplify honor, leadership, and commitment to our Nation. It is my great privilege to recognize him and to honor his service as our March 2026 Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING MOSS HAVEN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 16, 2026*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of Moss Haven Elementary School in Dallas, Texas for their participation in our 2026 Valentines for Veterans program.

Through this initiative, students created more than 20 Valentine's Day cards for veterans in our North Texas community, sharing encouragement, appreciation, and heartfelt support with those who have served. Their commitment to honoring our heroes helped make this project a tremendous success, contributing to over 1,800 Valentine's Day cards received by our office.

This outpouring of kindness reflects the deep gratitude for our veterans that remains strong throughout North Texas.

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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 commit-

tees, 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, March 17, 2026 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Markwayne Mullin, of Oklahoma, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine platform power as section 230 turns 30.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities with implementing the Endangered Species Act.

SD-562

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the current situation in the Middle East.

SVC-217

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine worldwide threats; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine sunshine week, focusing on bringing secret government spending to light.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine keeping promises, focusing on labor inflows, maintaining competitiveness, and supporting an aging population.

SH-216

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 342, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize an individual who is awarded the Purple Heart for service in the Armed Forces to transfer unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to a family member, S. 410, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, S. 649, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 1116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of certain additional