

Chief for Operational Medicine and Fleet Support, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, DC. Captain Cope served as the Executive Officer, Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research, Great Lakes, Illinois from September 2001–August 2004, at which time he fleeted up to Commanding Officer. He also served as the Surgeon General's Specialty Leader for Navy Entomology August 2002–May 2004. In August 2006, Captain Cope reported to the Armed Forces Pest Management Board as Research Liaison Officer. In August 2008 he took over as Director.

During his tenure as the Director, Captain Cope distinguished himself by superior service. He organized his workforce into three divisions: Operations, Research and Information Services, aligning the AFPMB to increase efficiency and enhance direct warfighter support. He was directly responsible for superior improvements to installation pest management and insect-borne disease prevention programs resulting in increased readiness and warfighter protection. During this period, he demonstrated the highest levels of leadership, initiative and dedication to duty. As a result, his leadership of DoD pest management received international recognition for contributions to the global public health community for their work on the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).

Furthermore, in support of U.S. allies, Captain Cope reestablished liaison with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) counterparts to foster effective and efficient multi-national medical entomology, preventive medicine and pest management collaborations during contingency operations. Through NATO's Force Health Protection Working Group, he secured updates in the U.S. section to Standardization Agreement 2048, Chemical Methods of Insect and Rodent Control, which provided NATO members with information on pesticides that the U.S. may use during NATO operations.

Captain Cope's passion stayed with him after he left the service, as he maintains membership in the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the American Mosquito Control Association and the Society for Vector Ecology. He is currently serving as the Director of the AMCA, Mid-Atlantic Region and serves on the board of Armed Forces Pest Management in Silver Spring, MD. In addition, he has presented at meetings, authored or co-authored over 70 scientific publications and holds an Adjunct Assistant Professorship at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Captain Cope is married to infectious disease epidemiologist Amyanne N. Keswani of St. Peter, Minnesota. They have a daughter, Kemmer Keswani and a son, Stanton Elijah.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me now to thank Captain Stanton E. Cope for his service and sacrifices for our country.

13TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL
FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS
AWARDS (CFREA)

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS per-

sonnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 13th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get 'the call.'

This year, I established the 13th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Lieutenant Timothy Geer of the Bradenton Fire Department received the Career Service Award.

The Englewood Area Fire Control District received the Community Safety Awareness Campaign Award.

Captain Tom Sousa of the West Manatee Fire Rescue District received the Career Service Award.

Training Officer Timothy Hyden of the East Manatee Fire Rescue District received the Career Service Award.

Firefighter Deborah Schuster of the Sarasota County Fire Department posthumously received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

I offer my sincerest appreciation for the service and dedication of these exceptional individuals. I thank the fire departments that made such worthy nominations and the panel that reviewed them.

These awards truly are a necessary reminder of the men and women who risk their safety on a daily basis, bound to their duty to ensure our own.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23 and Tuesday, July 24, 2012, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"No" on vote No. 499 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2362, as amended);

"No" on vote No. 500 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 2039);

"Aye" on vote No. 501 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3477);

"No" on vote No. 502 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 738); and

"No" on vote No. 503 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 738).

HONORING UNITED STATES MARINE CAPTAINS MARK SILVERS AND SEAN GOBIN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Marine Captains Mark Silvers and Sean Gobin for their tremendous efforts on behalf of our nation's wounded warriors.

Everyday our men and women in uniform place themselves at great personal risk in order to defend our nation's freedom and security. Captain Silvers and Captain Gobin are two such heroes who decided to continue serving their fellow soldiers after their tours had ended. Moved by the number of service members returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan with debilitating injuries, the two men pledged their efforts to improve the lives of our nation's wounded warriors.

On March 15, 2012, Captain Silvers and Captain Gobin commenced a 2,180 mile hike of the Appalachian Trail to raise funds and awareness of the debilitating injuries our soldiers have suffered while in service to our country. Their journey will come to an end next week at the summit of Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park. As they travelled through 14 states, Captain Silvers and Gobin have hosted a number of fundraisers at separate VFW posts on behalf of Operation Military Embrace; a nonprofit that advocates on behalf of wounded servicemembers. All of the proceeds from these events will be used to purchase adaptive vehicles for veterans who have sustained multiple amputations in the course of their service in Iraq or Afghanistan.

These men have set a remarkable example for what it means to serve our country. Operation Military Embrace and Warrior Hike remind us all of our enduring responsibility to honor and care for those who have sacrificed so much in defense of our freedom. As the Ranking Member on the Health Subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am pleased to join the chorus of congratulations celebrating the completion of these men's impressive journey.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Captain Silvers and Captain Gobin on achieving so much on behalf of our wounded veterans.

INTRODUCTION SAFETY AND FRAUD ENFORCEMENT FOR SEAFOOD ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, in my home state of Massachusetts, commercial fishermen take pride in the product they bring to the dock. Whether they harvest cod, lobster, or scallops, these hardworking Americans provide consumers with superior quality seafood. Unfortunately, getting a fair price for this seafood has become a challenge. Competition from low quality imported fish and shellfish drives down prices, especially when these imports are passed off on consumers as higher value species.