

Shellhammer, Officer Helios Blanco, Officer Kevin Campbell, Officer Sean Carter, Detective Patrick Comac, Officer Terry Crenshaw, Officer Nicholas Dominis, Detective Dustin Luciano, Detective Gary McDowell, Officer Jacob Nelson, Officer Michael Schultz, Officer Michael Skinner, Officer George Terris II, Officer Jonathan Misiewicz.

Sarasota Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team: Sergeant Tammy Featherstone, Officer Luis Paris, Officer Michael Dreznin, Officer Matthew Grochowski, and Officer Aaron Stoll.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Corporal Angel Uruchima and Officer Madison Peters of Palmetto Police Department, Sergeant Orval Walker, Deputy Jeffery Cowling, Deputy Gerrod Huff, Deputy Kenneth Jewett, and Deputy Rodney Norris, Deputy Richard Young, Deputy Krystal Carpenter and Deputy Peter Papas of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNE
HAYES-WHITE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joanne Hayes-White as she responds to her final call as Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department. Chief Hayes-White will be retiring after 29 years with the department. Hers is a long and storied career that spans the transformation of the department from an all-male bastion to a modern department in which merit is measured by your capacity to save lives and property through working as part of a team, and celebrating the differences that make this nation great.

Joanne Hayes-White was born in San Francisco. She graduated from the University of Santa Clara with a degree in business and immediately applied to the San Francisco Fire Department. She was hired in April of 1990. She climbed the career ladder almost as quickly as the ladder on a truck. In 1993 she was promoted to Lieutenant and in 1996 to Captain. Also in 1996, she was assigned as the Acting Battalion Chief with oversight of the department's dispatch and communications systems. The department selected Battalion Chief Hayes-White to oversee the installation of the Computer-Aided Dispatch system (CAD) and the Automated Information System (AIS). Along the way, Chief Hayes-White combined the communications functions of police, fire, and emergency response, improving response times and inter-agency communications.

Firefighters live and die based in part on their training. As Director of Training, Joanne Hayes-White developed the Battalion-Based In Service Training Program which almost tripled the number of formal training hours for all members of the department, with almost no fiscal impact. As Chief, she has implemented random on-duty alcohol and drug testing, reconfigured emergency medical services, and restored promotional exams, all steps that have increased accountability within the department.

The fire department is noticeable in the community through the training of civilians and even school children. Ninth graders in San

Francisco learn CPR. The department is committed to reducing pedestrian deaths and works to right-size equipment to San Francisco's streets.

In April of 2010, the Chief was offered a fellowship to attend the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. It was an investment in excellence, as evidence a few years later. In August 2018, Chief Hayes-White was named as the 2018 Career Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

San Francisco is a complex city to protect. The department's personnel are famous for valor and for protecting the forty-nine square miles of dense community that constitutes the city. The fire department goes beyond fighting fires and preventing death and injury due to medical emergencies. Under Chief Hayes-White's leadership, the department was a leader in environmental and sustainability initiatives, such as transitioning the fleet to renewable diesel, composting and recycling.

It has been a privilege to work with Joanne Hayes-White during my time in the State Legislature and in Congress and to call her a dear friend. She is an inspiration to girls and young women throughout San Francisco. She has attended multiple of my When I Grow Up events and spoke before 600 girls and family members at Grenentech. During her remarks, she noted that it was not easy to make her way in the 1990's-era department. The department only began hiring women in 1987. As of 2017, 30 years later, 15% of firefighters were women. Yet the department is also a close-knit community. Even as Chief, she knows every firefighter by name.

As a human being, Joanne Hayes-White excels. Her ready smile, respect for traditions that strengthen the department, and love of community are second to none. She is a native of San Francisco's winding streets, fog-shrouded hills and beautiful beaches. She has managed the department when its budget was cut and fought hard to get positions and capabilities restored as the economy recovered. We are all safer because Chief Hayes-White assumed the helm of the San Francisco Fire Department.

Now, it's time for Joanne to take time to smell the roses. She will see more of her sons Riley, age 25, Logan, age 21, and Sean, age 19. They grew up with the department with her, and now they get to reclaim some of the time she offered to the city by the bay.

For those of us who have lived in and grown up around San Francisco, there are two bells that immediately trigger an image of the city that we love: Cable car bells and the bell at the fire house as another rescue commences. San Franciscans are proud of both. For 29 years, they've had Chief Hayes-White to respond to the fire house bell. Sláinte mhaith, Chief Hayes-White. We are all deeply grateful for a job so well done.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 veterans

from Tennessee who visited Washington, D.C., on May 1, 2019, with Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, I was honored to welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

As a new Member of Congress, this marked the first time I have had the privilege of meeting with an Honor Flight from Tennessee. I was pleased to welcome several veterans on this flight who were from the district I represent, the Sixth District of Tennessee. They were: Earl E. Higley, U.S. Army; Jimmie M. Pritt, U.S. Air Force; Glenn Wade Bennett, U.S. Army; John Anthony Jones, U.S. Army; Billy R. McElhaney, U.S. Navy; C. M. Tosh, U.S. Army; Joseph P. Clark, U.S. Marine Corps; Daniel N. Lynch, U.S. Navy; William T. Cook, U.S. Navy; LeGrand Dawes, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; James Franklin Shields, U.S. Army; Richard T. Sain, U.S. Air Force; John Wayne Pullen, U.S. Army; Bienvenido V. Hassell, U.S. Air Force; and Virgil C. Morgan, Jr., U.S. Navy.

Also on this flight were: Joe J. Sage, U.S. Army; Randy G. Lancaster, U.S. Marine Corps; Gerald Joseph Guerin, U.S. Army; John Floyd Cole, Jr., U.S. Air Force; Johnny Jaco, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army; Johnnie Louis Walker, U.S. Army; Bobbie L. Swinea, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force; Jack L. Giddens, Jr., U.S. Navy; Joseph Karl Pehm, U.S. Marine Corps; Danny Ray Sisk, U.S. Air Force; Robert Ernest Tapscott, U.S. Army; and Curtis W. Posey, U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, the men and women from Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee exemplify the greatness of the United States. Though we can never fully repay them for their service to our country, it was my privilege to offer our most sincere gratitude for the sacrifices they made on behalf of the Sixth District of Tennessee.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to the local communities and volunteers who worked together to make this special visit possible. I would especially like to thank Claude Morse (USAF Ret.), the President and Chairman of the Board for Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee, for his tireless work organizing this event. Without this team, the Honor Flight would not have been possible.

To my colleagues here today, I hope you will join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their dedication and service to our country.

CONGRATULATING THE 2019 EN-
LISTEES FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 40 high school seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional district, who have chosen to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these forty fine young people, seventeen have joined the United States Army, to include: Yvelande Blanc, Brisa Gonzalez, Coraleigh Little, Josue Aguilar-Gonzalez, Terry Akins, Jovaughn Campbell, Rusheem Gibbs, Richard Joseph, Patrick Newton, Andrea Velez, Christopher Whyte, Tyreik Kelly, Brandon Lee, Yuliana Osoria, Terry Hines,