

since the opening of the District Chophouse and Brewery in 1997, District residents now have several options to enjoy a quality meal with their locally brewed beer at establishments such as Bluejacket, Gordon Biersch-Navy Yard, the Public Option, Right Proper Shaw Brewpub and our newest additions, Red Bear Brewing Company and Valor Brewpub. These breweries not only provide great craft beer for local consumers, but also provide hundreds of jobs for local residents, make significant contributions to our local tax base and serve as anchors for economic development in neighborhoods throughout the District. Our tight-knit breweries are outstanding and active citizens of our community and support various charitable causes and community non-profit organizations. They are also leaders in supporting diversity and inclusion in our local business community.

I urge all of my colleagues, constituents and visitors to the District to come together to raise a glass in support of DC Beer Week and the local brewing community. There are great events throughout the week, such as Fun Run on Sunday from Right Proper to Red Bear, the Kickoff Party at Bluejacket, a Home Brewing Competition hosted by 3 Stars, a Record Fair at Right Proper, a celebration of Women in Beer at Red Bear and a Sunset Cruise hosted by DC Brau. Taverns such as Roofers Union, Boundary Stone, Churchkey and Church Hall will be hosting exciting events featuring beers from multiple local breweries, and there will be the annual "Brewers on the Block" festival at Union Market. In addition, the Heurich House will be curating an Educational Events series that will include opportunities to learn about beer history, culture and the art of brewing. There truly will be something for everyone.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing DC Beer Week for its contribution to the District's historic beer culture and our local economy.

HONORING WILLIAM "DOC" SCHMITZ, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William "Doc" Schmitz.

Doc was elected to this prestigious and well-deserved post on July 24, 2019. Helping and advocating for Veterans is not an uncommon practice for Doc, but rather a continuation of the work he does each and every day. His unwavering dedication to his country and the Veterans he serves is one of the many traits I admire most about him.

While Doc currently serves Veterans, he has also served his country well over the years. Doc was in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970, during the Vietnam War. During that time, he served as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marine Corp in Vietnam. In recognition of his efforts, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Doc does not allow politics to get in the way of serving Veterans, which is another thing I admire. He doesn't look at their qualifiers or whether they fit a certain criteria, but rather helps people simply and solely to help them. Previously, he worked for a Democratic Congressman, but decided to stay on in my office because of his commitment to the cause.

Doc is my resource for all things Veteran related and he contacts me personally with any information on local, state and national Veterans' issues. He is a venerable source of information and experience that I rely on and trust deeply.

I cannot think of a better National Commander-in-Chief than the one we are honoring today. We can all be assured that the man leading this national organization has Veterans' needs as a first priority and he will fight to make sure they are well taken care of. Congratulations to you, Doc, for this new position—and I thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future. I know that Veterans everywhere have well gained a staunch defender, a wise leader and a genuinely honorable and good man with you as their Commander-in-Chief.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William "Doc" Schmitz.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD BRADSHAW ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Bradshaw on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department. After twenty-four years of service as a Crime Scene Technician, Richard has created a lasting impact on the department by working tirelessly to preserve the public safety.

Richard began his career in law enforcement by honorably serving as a military police officer with the United States Army in 1972. He continued his service as a Sergeant with the police department in the Army Active Reserve until 1978. During that time, he also earned his associate's degree in Criminal Justice and served as a police officer for the Penn Hill Police Department in Pennsylvania until December of 1979.

In 1980, Richard joined the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Police where he served as both a police officer and an aircraft rescue firefighter. On August 14, 1995, Richard joined the Grapevine Police Department as a Crime Scene Technician and has proven invaluable to the collection of critical evidence in major criminal investigations.

During his tenure in Grapevine, Richard has produced a quality of work that has earned him the respect of his colleagues, supervisors, and the community. His commitment to professional development has driven him to complete more than 1400 hours of training and stands as evidence of his outstanding service and professionalism.

Richard's contributions to law enforcement operations have helped to ensure that countless officers have been adequately supported in their mission to uphold the rule of law. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the dedication that Richard has devoted to the city of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Richard Bradshaw for his many years of service.

FRANK LATORRE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend longtime Bellmawr, New Jersey resident Private First Class Frank Latorre, Camden County Town Hall Veteran Honoree.

After graduating from Philadelphia Central High School in 1942, Frank volunteered for the Army Air Forces, and although he was initially turned down, shortly thereafter he received a draft notice accepting him into the United States Army.

In 1943, Frank boarded the RMS *Aquitania* for England and two days later he was on a truck to a town called Bridgewater and in April 1944 he participated in Exercise Tiger a D-Day practice run, and after a battle with the Germans at Slapton Beach, Frank departed England for the D-Day invasion.

They departed for Normandy, France and arrived at Utah Beach where Frank jumped into the gun turret of his half-track and took down a German fighter strafing the landing troops, and after the D-Day invasion, Frank and his unit later helped push back the German counteroffensive at the Battle of the Bulge and briefly occupied Berlin after the German surrender.

Shortly after the bombs dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he received his military discharge as a Private First Class and went on to work for Pepsi-Cola, married in 1947, had two daughters, and retired in 1987.

Today Frank enjoys golfing, the camaraderie of fellow veterans and is an active member of the Bellmawr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9563.

In recognition of his valiant service to our nation, Frank humbly received numerous medals and citations including the Bronze Star, American Theater Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Private First Class Frank Latorre of Bellmawr, New Jersey who is a constant reminder of the sacrifices that our men and women of the military made so that we can enjoy the liberties we do today.

IN HONOR OF MARK LEHMAN

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Mark Lehman for his twenty