

baseball park and a park for children. Through the efforts of the Self Locking Carton Co. and society members hard work, a wonderful and beautiful park/playground was realized. A shelter for picnics and dancing was built on the grounds. Today, just about everyone uses the St. Joseph's Ball Park; Palmer High School, jay-vees, local elementary leagues, the Sandlot team, pee-wees, and the St. Joseph's A.A. Baseball team. The Palmer Lion's Club has a big field day every Labor Day at the park.

In 1966, under the guidance of William Buck Hurley, the St. Joseph's Club Baseball Team finished second in standings in the Tri-County League of Springfield. Many fine college boys from the surrounding towns played hard for the St. Joseph's Ball Team. Pete Beynor, pitcher from Palmer for the St. Joseph's Ball Team, won the most valuable player award for the 1966 Tri-County League. A great honor for Pete Beynor and the St. Joseph's Ball Team.

On October 22, 1972, the society's chaplain, Rev. A.A. Skoniecki, retired and was replaced by Rev. Robert J. Ceckowski.

In October of 1975 Society members participated in a "Week of Remembrance" in commemoration of Poles annihilated during World War II. Activities of the week included: a parade, memorial mass, and the dedication of a wooden shrine which stood outside of St. Peter and Paul Parish.

On May 2, 1976, the society actively participated in the Town of Palmer's Bicentennial Parade.

On October 16, 1978, Poles throughout the world were elated and honored when Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, was elected as the Vicar of Christ to become Pope John Paul II.

To commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication of St. Peter and Paul Parish, the society purchased a hand carved, wooden statue of the Resurrected Christ. This statue is carried by society members during the Easter Resurrection Mass at St. Peter and Paul Parish.

The society continues its athletic association by supporting its A.A. Baseball team as part of the Tri-County League. To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary, the society has financed the erection of a lighting system for night baseball and football at St. Joseph's Field on Pine Street. This coming season, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School will use St. Joseph's as its home field.

Several years ago, the last member of the first immigration to this area from Poland died. Today, the society consists of Polish-Americans from the first, second, third, and even the fourth generation. The constitution, which was written entirely in the Polish language, has been re-written into English. Still, many of the original Polish traditions are observed by the society such as, taking part in the Corpus Christi Procession and the blessing of food for the Easter Sunday breakfast after Resurrection Mass.

For the past twenty-five years the society has been under the capable leadership of Fred S. Tyburski. Longtime treasurer Alphonse Lasota has been the guardian of the society's treasury. The society still maintains a sick benefit and a death benefit. Throughout all the years of its existence the society has made charitable contributions to a number of worthy causes.

St. Joseph's Society, 1885-1995, 100 YEARS!
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IN HONOR OF COL. JOHN SATTLER

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding Marine corps Officer and to ask all of my colleagues to join me in bidding farewell to Col. John Sattler. John has served with distinction in the Navy and Marine liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives during the last 4 years. His service to the House and to the Nation as a whole, has always been characterized by selfless devotion to duty and unflagging dedication to country and Corps. It is a privilege for me to recognize the many accomplishments John has achieved during his 24 years of military service.

A native of Pittsburgh, John earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation in June 1971, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduating from the Basic School in Quantico, VA, John was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan. He subsequently served in numerous leadership and staff billets to include two tours at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; infantry tactics instructor at the Basic School in Quantico, VA; operations and executive officer for the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan and commander of the ground combat element for Marine Air Ground Task Force 4-88.

In addition to his service with the Fleet Marine Force and Headquarters Marine Corps, John also enhanced his professional education while attending numerous service schools. He attended and graduated with honors from the USMC Amphibious Warfare School and the USMC Command and Staff College. He was also a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University. John's professional accomplishments are numerous, and certainly understandable in light of the personal leadership and dedication he brings to everything he does. John continues to be a role model to countless thousands of young men and women serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

During his tenure as the Marine Corps Liaison to the House, John has served the Members and staff of this institution, especially those of us who serve on the National Security Committee, in an exemplary manner. His ability to present and explain Marine Corps programs and issues to members of the House has contributed greatly to sustaining the Nation's premier expeditionary force—"a Corps of Marines that is most ready when the nation generally is least ready."

Mr. Speaker, John Sattler and his lovely wife Ginny have made many sacrifices during their 24 years of service with the Corps. During the past 4 years that I have had the privilege of working with John, his efforts have significantly improved the readiness and wellness of the Corps, and thus the military preparedness of the nation. Knowing John as I do I have no doubt that the same can be said about his entire career. John's presence and professionalism will be missed.

John, congratulations on your return to where you came from—the Fleet Marine Force. I wish you well as you assume command of the 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, NC. Good luck and God Speed, Marine—Semper Fidelis.

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HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, July 23, readers of the Florida Today were treated to a classic case of misinformation by a newspaper that still has not gotten over the results of the 1994 election.

The charges leveled against me in the newspaper's open letter with respect to the veteran's hospital and the space program are a gross distortion of facts.

Regarding my efforts in support of the space program, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD speaks louder than any words I could offer: Full funding for the space station; an actual increase in funding for the shuttle program; introduction of more stable, multiyear funding for space station; and an innovative, first-ever \$10 million authorization in the NASA budget for investment in our Nation's developing spaceports.

Contrast this with the facts not reported by the Florida Today about my predecessor's record: He voted in each of his 4 years to fund the shuttle program below the President's budget request. This year the Republicans, including myself, voted to support the President's budget level for shuttle operations; less than 1 year ago, he voted to cut \$400 million from the shuttle program—KSC derives two-thirds of their budget from this account; since 1992, my predecessor voted to reduce actual shuttle program dollars by \$1 billion. This year Republicans are proposing to increase it.

Selective reporting and journalism does little to foster a real debate on ideals and public policy and can seriously undermine morale at KSC.

A July 20, Florida Today editorial, stated: "Brevard county did pretty well in a congressional vote Tuesday on space and VA spending * * * veterans were relieved after the vote because U.S. Rep. Dave Weldon managed to salvage \$17.2 million for a veterans clinic in Viera."

I see this clinic as the first step in the process of keeping the VA hospital alive and so, apparently, did the Florida Today, until its turnabout in its open letter. So much for consistency.

Florida Today mentioned being baffled these past 8 months. If by that they mean they are baffled about a vision for space that goes beyond today's paradigm of Government run programs; baffled as to why so many cherished liberal enclaves such as NEA, NEH, and countless ineffective Government programs are on a collision course with a fiscally responsible Congress; then being baffled is simply a euphemism for being desperate. Such desperate reporting takes place frequently inside the beltway. It's unfortunate to see it here in Brevard as well.

I support our space program and our veterans. But balancing our budget is crucial if we