

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PITTSBURGH COMMITTEE FOR
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
KOREAN WAR

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let my colleagues know about some very important activities that will be taking place in my congressional district in the coming months to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

The Korean War lasted three years. Nearly 6 million Americans served in the armed forces during that period, and more than 54,000 Americans died defending South Korea from North Korean and Chinese invaders. The Korean War dramatically shaped the post-World War II world and strongly influenced the course of the Cold War. And yet, the Korean War is often referred to as the "forgotten war" because so much of our attention today is focused on World War II and the Vietnam War. Such an oversight is unacceptable. The Americans who fought—and especially those who died—in the cause of freedom deserve to be remembered. Moreover, they deserve our undying gratitude for their heroic sacrifice. As the Pittsburgh Committee for the Commemoration of the Korean War has observed, no sacrifice made by American service men and women should ever be "forgotten."

Pittsburgh has not forgotten these brave men and women. In fact, Pittsburgh's links to this conflict are quite strong. More than 26,000 Korean War veterans live in Allegheny County, and General Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of the U.S. 8th Army in Korea during a critical period of the war, was a Pittsburgh native. A Korean War memorial has been built on Pittsburgh's North Side to recognize our Korean War veterans' sacrifice, and the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies has been established at the University of Pittsburgh.

The 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War provides an outstanding opportunity for remembering and acknowledging the heroes of the "forgotten war." With that end in mind, the Pittsburgh Committee for the Commemoration of the Korean War has organized more than two months of events to educate the public about this important conflict and to honor the Americans who served in this bloody conflict. These events include visits to local high schools, academic conferences on the conflict, and flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremonies.

On June 24, a day-long commemorative event will be held at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Military Museum in Pittsburgh. This event, Pittsburgh Remembers Day, will include 1950s music and a number of historic displays. It will conclude with the

Matthew B. Ridgway Memorial Dinner and a free concert of patriotic music performed by the River City Brass Band. Finally, on the Fourth of July, Pittsburgh's Fourth of July Ceremony at Point Park will include a special salute to Korean War Veterans.

America's veterans have earned our country's gratitude and respect time and time again. It is fitting that on the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, we pay special attention to the sacrifices made by the men and women who served their country in the "forgotten war." I commend the Pittsburgh Committee for the Commemoration of the Korean War for all of its endeavors in this important cause.

TRIBUTE TO THE GRAYING OF
AMERICA AND THE 10TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ASSISTED LIV-
ING FEDERATION OF AMERICA

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA) for its ongoing leadership and commitment to improving the quality of life for the more than one million Americans that it serves and assists with activities of daily living. During the week of April 3 in Orlando, FL, ALFA will celebrate its 10th anniversary representing the nation's assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, independent living operators and related senior care businesses.

Founded in 1990 to advance the assisted living industry and the quality of life for the consumers that it serves, ALFA broadened its mission in 1999 to encompass all of long-term care, in recognition of the evolving interconnection between assisted living and all senior's housing and care models.

Assisted living is a special combination of housing, personalized supportive services, and health care designated to respond to the individual needs of those who require help with living residences from nursing homes, hospitals, their children's homes, or their own homes.

Assisted living facilities provide a growing number of elderly Americans with an alternative to other types of long-term care and serve an increasingly vulnerable population with significant care needs. The projected number of elderly Americans needing long-term care will double to nearly 14 million over the next 20 years. I therefore applaud the ongoing efforts and leadership of the ALFA to address these new challenges and to lead the way in providing services critical to the independence and well-being of older Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues and me in recognizing the outstanding

and invaluable service to the community of the Assisted Living Federation of America.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL LLOYD VERNON CAMP

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Lloyd Vernon Camp for being selected to be inducted into the National Officer Candidate School Infantry Hall of Fame, in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Camp joined the U.S. Army in March of 1943. Over the next few years, Camp was stationed in Normandy where he fought to drive the Germans out of France. Upon returning to the States in 1945, he was discharged from service at Camp Beal, California. In April 1947, he reentered the Army and was sent to South Korea as part of the Occupation Forces. Late in 1948 he returned to the U.S. again, and in June of 1949, he attended Officers School in Fort Riley, Kansas. Graduating in December of 1949, he was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to attend the Basic Officers Course. Upon completion of the course, Camp was sent to Camp Carson, Colorado to assume the duties of a Second Lieutenant Infantry Officer, in the 15th Infantry Regiment. He went on to be a First Lieutenant (1951–1956), Captain (1956–1960), Major (1960–1967), and finally Lieutenant Colonel (1967–retirement).

After many years of service, Camp retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, to Clovis, California. In 1991 LTC Camp was recalled to Federal Active duty by FORSCOM, and assigned as a Family Support Officer for the Central Valley Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Air National Guard families during the Desert Storm Operations.

Among his numerous military achievements, LTC Camp received the Distinguished Service Cross; Bronze Star Medal; Combat Infantryman's Badge; European-African Middle Eastern Theater, with 4 Battle Stars; World War II Victory Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; National Defense Medal; Army Commendation Medal; as well as two foreign military awards, and three California National Guard Awards.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd Vernon Camp for being selected to be inducted into the National Officer Candidate School Infantry Hall of Fame. This induction is well deserved. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Lieutenant Colonel Camp many more years of continued success.

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