

instructor and course director at the Army's Adjutant General School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. His staff assignments included tours as administrative officer in the Defense Intelligence Agency, Chief of Military Personnel at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland and Chief of Administrative Services and Executive Officer at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), in Belgium. He served two tours in Vietnam, first as Chief of Administrative Services at Cam Ranh Bay and later as a personnel staff officer at Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

In 1975, the Army selected him for full-time graduate study at Ball State University, where he earned a masters degree in journalism and public relations. He next served as editor of the Defense Management Journal, an official publication of the Department of Defense. He is also a graduate of the Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, the Army Personnel Management Staff Officer Course, and the National Security Management Course of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

At the time of his military retirement in February 1985, LTC Gryczynski was Chief of Retired and Veterans Activities Division in the office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army. In this position he was responsible for policy development and execution of the Army's Retirement Services Program.

Since becoming the Director of Personal Affairs for The Retired Officers Association, LTC Gryczynski has worked tirelessly and traveled hundreds of thousands of miles to counsel tens of thousands of military retirees, veterans, family members and survivors of those in the armed forces. His professional counseling concerning their entitlements and benefits of military service has assisted those groups tremendously.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Gryczynski's long and distinguished career in service to his country and to the men and women of America's Uniformed Services and their family members is admirable and is to be highly commended. Our best wishes go with him for a long and fruitful second retirement. He has earned our heartfelt gratitude, and our salutes.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NORMANDY MEDAL OF THE JUBILEE OF LIBERTY PROGRAM

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 15, 2001*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, last weekend I had the honor of recognizing Normandy veterans, who reside in Florida's Fourth Congressional District, with the special Jubilee of Liberty medal during a ceremony at Naval Station Mayport.

The Saturday, November 10, 2001 ceremony I hosted carried special significance since it was Veterans Day weekend and also in light of the fact that we have another set of brave American service members fighting the war on terrorism across the globe.

Mankind has waged many types of war—wars fought for land, wars fought for superiority, wars fought for riches, wars fought for independence. Most wars only impact the opposing forces and are often not remembered long in history. Some wars, however, are of such magnitude that they change the course of history. These wars are usually fought between good and evil. The heroes, who fought World War II, fought such a war. Without victory for the Allies, the world, as we know it, would be a much different place.

There is no doubt that the Normandy Invasion was a turning point in World War II. The Normandy veterans from the Fourth Congressional District were there, but, perhaps, at the time they did not know they were changing the course of history. These heroes were busy fighting, watching their brothers perish and surviving to fight another day. And like the title of the Stephen Ambrose book, they were "Citizen Soldiers". Professional soldiers designed the battle plan but it was implemented by thousands of citizen soldiers. The Battle of Normandy was the ultimate in on-the-job training. It was a simple plan: attack and push the Germans back. The how was left up to those soldiers in battle. I am sure that each Normandy veteran has a story that speaks volumes about bravery, ingenuity and drama.

It was in honor of these veterans that I was pleased to launch the Jubilee of Liberty Program this past summer. Since that time, approximately ninety veterans of the 1944 Normandy Invasion have been identified to receive this medal and we had the privilege of having seventy-nine of these brave men with us for our ceremony.

The medal we presented honors that courageous effort. The Normandy medal was originally minted at the direction of the Regional Council of Normandy and the Governor of Normandy, was first presented to D-Day veterans who returned to France for the 50th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to commend the following men for their service to our country during the Battle of Normandy: Joseph J. Accardi, Edgar G. Aid, Harold V. Aiken, Frank E. Alexander, Henry A. Baughn, Joseph H. Beekers, Ellsworth G. Beer, Richard M. Behan, John W. Bier, Edward T. Binns, Jr., Carl Bishop, Louie M. Blocker, Michael A. Bondanza, George G. Borcharding, Ian R. Bourdo, Forrest V. Brewer, Harry J. Buffone, Santo N. Cascia, Paul W. Caudill, Nicholas M. Celona, Ashley D. Clemmons, Robert K. Clifton, James M. Cooper, Jr., Milton A. Cunningham, Willie B. Douglass, Raymond Q. Ellis, John J. Field, James H. Gaff, Chester F. Galbraith, Edward C. Gandy, Eugene Gaskins, Patrick F. Gavin, Howard F. Gottwals, Edward V. Grant, Frank A. Griffen, Jr., Herbert E. Griffin, Gilbert J. Grout, Jack R. Guest, Jack Hall, Karlob A. Hanson, Charles H. Hardman, Leslie F. Hart, Darrell D. Hilliker, Lloyd R. Hoffman, Raymond D. Hoffman, Forrest W. Howell, Henry H. Hull, Robert L. Jennings, Chester E. Johns, John W. Johnson, LeGrand K. Johnson, Martin L. Johnson, John J. Kelly, Raymond J. Kotchkowski, Charles B. Lane, Warden S. Lee, Esse E. Lewis, L.V. Lewis, Wilmer E. Mann, Harold E. McFee, John Milko, William H. Miller, Hubert C. Mott, John W. Nichols, Morton H. Parks, Annest Partozes, John C. Posluszny, William B. Pou, Sr., Ralph L. Powers, Richard B. Rayl, Henry T. Richardson, Robert L. Richardson, Teaford R. Roe-

buck, Chapman S. Root, Harold Routzong, Gilmer D. Sadler, Angus S. Schmelz, Donald J. Schneider, Lawrence E. Sellers, Eli Sepowitz, Robert W. Sheffield, Joseph A. Shelley, Svend T. Simonsen, Raymond L. Simpson, Donald G. Smith, John I. Smith, Wilbert H. Snively, Frank D. Snyder, Phil Spivack, Ellwood P. Stake, Earl N. Steinmetz, William H. Stewart, John R. Stokes, Sr., James H. Trott, Thomas H. Ursry, Theodore H. Voll, Charles L. Webster, Thomas F. Wilson, Harold W. Wright, Linville F. Young.

FISCAL YEAR 2002 VETERANS AFFAIRS/HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

**HON. JAMES H. MALONEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 15, 2001*

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Fiscal Year 2002, VA/HUD appropriations bill. The Appropriations Committee has put together a bill that is truly bipartisan. I am proud to rise in strong support of this measure which funds such important priorities as veterans health care and benefits, needed housing initiatives, and key environmental programs. This measure also provides resources to assist state and local governments with infrastructure improvement and economic development needs.

The Central Naugatuck Valley in my district has been undergoing a major water/sewer infrastructure upgrade. I am pleased that under the State and Territorial Assistance Grant Program, \$485,000 has been appropriated for this much needed purpose.

The City of Waterbury, which operates the hub of the region's sewer system, has been burdened by the majority of the cost for these improvements. Therefore, \$260,000 (of the total \$485,000) will go to the City of Waterbury for wastewater infrastructure improvements including the cost of the new sewage treatment facility in the City which new funds, together with the \$750,000 made available through the FY 2001 VA/HUD Appropriations Act, are to be used so as to lower the sewer rates charged to system customers.

The Town of Wolcott, Connecticut is partially served by the water system of the City of Waterbury. However, the Clinton Hill Road neighborhood of Wolcott relies on well water and septic systems for their water needs. This area of town has been experiencing well failures and contamination. Under this legislation, the Town on Wolcott will receive \$125,000 (of the total \$485,000) towards the extension of the water distribution system to the Clinton Hill Road neighborhood, together with \$250,000 made available through the FY 2001 VA/HUD Appropriations Act.

The Town of Middlebury is served by dangerously inadequate rock wells. In 1999, several of the town wells went dry and MTBE contamination was discovered. The town has already secured significant state funds to extend a twelve-inch water main to the affected area of the town. \$100,000 (of the total \$485,000) will go to the Town of Middlebury to help complete their project.

Finally, I would like to also point out that \$100,000 has been appropriated for the City