

The face of battle is changing with this new war, and America's military has already demonstrated it is prepared to meet this challenge. From precision air strikes to special operations troops riding horseback in the mountains of Afghanistan, we've seen our military's flexibility and commitment to its mission.

I'd like to mention a book that came out recently, one that I think bears mentioning today. It's called *War Letters Extraordinary: Correspondence from American Wars*. This volume contains hundreds of letters by American military personnel from the Civil War up through the Persian Gulf War, Somalia and Bosnia. It's part of something called the Legacy Project, a nonprofit effort to preserve war-time letters.

Many of these letters mailed home from the front to loved ones were the last letters ever sent by these troops. That makes for emotional reading. But for those who have never experienced the total terror and uncertainty of combat, these letters are a chilling lesson in what's at stake when we send our forces off to battle—precious lives, connected to loved ones at home, in peril.

One of the more interesting similarities in the letters, regardless of the time period, is the attempt of letter writers to reassure loved ones back home of their safety. It says something of the spirit of these men and women when their courage and optimism shine through like that.

These letters are full of concern for younger siblings and other relatives. They are full of desire to help boost home-front morale. And, as you can imagine, letters to parents and sweethearts alike conclude with very open expressions of love.

The book's editor Andrew Carroll of Washington, DC, describes in his introduction how these individual letters spanning 140 years create a very personal narrative. "It is the story of immeasurable suffering and astonishing violence," he explains. "But it is also a story that encompasses tales of heroism, perseverance, integrity, honor, and reconciliation."

He describes how these letters were written from a variety of circumstances: filthy trenches, flooded foxholes, the sweltering islands of the Pacific, muddy battlefields of Europe, the frozen mountains of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and other places far from home.

I would like to close by mentioning that these one million men and women made the ultimate sacrifice at the request of their nation. Their legacy will continue to live in our memory, and we honor them as we will honor those who will come after them.

It is our task—the task of this generation—to provide the response to aggression and terror. We have no other choice, because there is no other peace.

The contributions of our soldiers given willingly and without hesitation, demonstrate their profound and abiding devotion to this nation. On our behalf, they take risks, they go into harm's way, they shed blood—prepared to give their lives if necessary—and some have paid to preserve peace and freedom and our way of life. They continue to make incredible contributions and even more incredible sacrifices. We must never forget the service and sacrifice—enduring legacy—of these brave souls who gave their full measure for all of us.

Thank you for sharing your time today in honor of these special Americans—those who

paid the ultimate price in demonstrating that freedom is not free. God bless you and God bless America."

#### HONORING COAST GUARD HEROES FROM WORLD WAR II

**HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2002*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the Coast Guard personnel at Group-Air Station Atlantic City as they honor two World War II veterans. The two former Coast Guard aircrew from New Jersey flew many homeland security missions together from bases in Florida between 1943 and 1945, protecting convoys moving along the East Coast and searching for German U-boats.

Donald T. Daughenbaugh was born in Atlantic City, NJ in 1920. Harry D. Mount was born in Riverside, NJ in 1922. Donald Daughenbaugh joined the Coast Guard in 1941, became a boat coxswain in 1942 and was designated an Aviation Pilot #71 on April 16, 1943. He began operational flying shortly afterward at Air Station Miami. Harry Mount left college early to join the Coast Guard in the summer of 1942. He was sent to Radio School in Atlantic City, NJ and then reported to Air Station Miami as an Aviation Radio operator.

Together these two Coast Guard heroes flew the OS2U-3 KINGFISHER, a scout observation plane, searching for German submarines and protecting the convoys along the East Coast. This plane carried two depth charges and a 30 caliber machine gun. They also flew missions in the PBV, PBM, PH2, JRF and J4F protecting convoys and doing Air-Sea Rescues from many airfields along the Florida coast.

True to form, these two proud veterans, and Coast Guard legends, are not going to just stand by to receive praise from today's Coast Guard aviators. They are going to honor the newest Coast Guard aircrewmen by pinning them with their newly earned aircrew wings.

Let the record show that Donald T. Daughenbaugh, Enlisted Pilot #71 and later Commissioned Coast Guard Aviator #216, at 82 years of age, is still flying 60 years later and flew his own airplane to Coast Guard Group-Air Station Atlantic City. This act makes proud all that have worn the "Wings of Gold" throughout the long history of Coast Guard aviation.

These two great men and their wonderful families should be very proud. May God bless them richly as they continue to give to their country and to their wonderful service, the United States Coast Guard.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2002*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday June 4 and Wednesday June 5th, I missed Rollcall votes 207, 208, 209 and 210 due to my primary election being held in Alabama. If

I had been present I would have voted AYE on each of these votes.

#### MICROENTERPRISE ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2002*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this important legislation.

Microenterprise is an effective and proven means of U.S. foreign aid that has successfully offered nearly 20 million of the world's poorest people the hope of economic independence and self-reliance.

Loans, often averaging less than \$150, allow people to start and expand very small businesses without depending on money-lenders who demand exorbitant interest rates.

Access to the tools and credit needed to succeed allows poor people to reap the benefits of their skills and hard work.

Extra money earned is used to obtain better food, housing and education.

High repayment rates for microenterprise lending programs allow capital to be recycled into new loans; interest income allows programs to eventually cover their costs.

This bipartisan legislation provides a substantial but responsible incremental increase in funding for microenterprise programs from its current level of \$155 million to \$175 million in fiscal year 2003 and \$200 million in fiscal year 2004.

The bill also educates Peace Corps volunteers about the benefits of microenterprise programs and urges them to utilize this as a resource in their sites.

This important legislation will impact the lives of many families while empowering the world's most impoverished.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bipartisan bill.

#### TRAFICANT TRIAL: A RAILROAD OF JUSTICE

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2002*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the government presented a ten-count indictment against me on May 4, 2001. And convicted me on those ten counts, Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Count One—Anthony Buccì. Anthony Buccì testified that he "owned" me by performing \$12,000 of work at the Traficant farm (which is not and was not owned by me). Facts in this count are simple and right to the point. . . . Anthony Buccì perjured himself and the government suborned his perjury.

The most appalling underlying issue behind Anthony Buccì's testimony is that it was given as part of Mr. Buccì's third federal plea agreement and currently the government is working on another deal with Mr. Buccì that would allow Anthony's brother Robert to return to the United States, after having fled the country to escape federal charges.

Anthony Buccì's contention is that he and his company provided \$12,000 in materials