

Corporal O'Day was born in Scotland and moved to Sonoma County when he was three years old. He loved his adopted country and chose to serve in the Marines, enlisting immediately after graduating from Santa Rosa High School. He was drawn to the Marines because of its reputation as the toughest of the military branches and he was driven to succeed. When he developed stress fractures in his legs during boot camp, he spent six months in rehabilitation rather than accept a medical discharge.

Corporal O'Day was the eldest of four boys. His brothers looked up to him for guidance and counsel.

He met his wife, Shauna, in high school. They married last fall and their first child will be born in September.

Corporal O'Day's tragic death reminds us that however just the cause, war brings tragedy to far too many families and that any casualty is one too many.

Corporal O'Day died serving the country he loved, with comrades he loved and with the love of his wife and family in his heart. Our nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Lance Corporal Patrick O'Day, USMC, who gave his life in service to his country.

KAYLEIGH JACK, IDAHO STATE  
WINNER OF GOPUSA'S YOUNG  
PATRIOTS ESSAY CONTEST

**HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a stirring essay written by a young woman from my district, Eagle High School senior Kayleigh Jack. She is this year's Idaho State winner of GOPUSA's Young Patriots Essay Contest. In describing a visit to New York City and her encounter with a homeless veteran named "Sarge" who was seeking shelter near Ground Zero, Kayleigh paints a stark picture of the visceral impact that the events of September 11, 2001, had on millions of Americans like Sarge who have sacrificed for our freedoms. More than that, her work provides a valuable and hopeful insight into the hearts and minds of young people like her. The lessons of the past truly are learned anew with each lifetime. Kayleigh's essay shows just how profound that earned wisdom can be. I am grateful for the help in understanding more clearly that there is a generation growing to adulthood that now grasps what makes America, its people, principles and institutions so great.

IDAHO STATE WINNER—KAYLEIGH C. JACK  
EAGLE, ID, EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL, PUBLIC,  
12TH GRADE

On a cold cement step sits a scruffy man in heavy clothing. A small American flag is propped atop his knapsack. Behind him, a fading golden hue illuminates a gaping hole in the earth where two magnificent towers once stood. For Sarge, it will be another cold night in the Big Apple.

On September 11, Americans were awakened to gleaming knives slicing through America's seemingly impenetrable national security. For older Americans, it was Pearl Harbor reawakened. For younger Americans, like me, these were new sounds, new visions—new feelings.

During a recent trip to New York City, I felt a discomfort when seeing Sarge, a homeless veteran, huddled near ground zero. I again felt that same discomfort while staring into the cold empty crevasse behind him. I later realized how much the man and the victims of September 11 had in common; all paid the price for freedom... for being Americans.

All of my life, I've sat in the comfort of my secure home and watched televised scenes from distant lands of people whose loss of liberty meant the loss of life. But, until September 11th, I've never been truly touched by these images. Now, reflecting on September 11th and remembering Sarge near ground zero, I feel threatened... and grateful.

While flying home from New York, I thought about the generosity and patriotism following September 11th. I wondered about the flag in front of my home. Was I a good American or just part of a passing national fervor? What about Sarge? Outside the VA Hospital a sign reads, The Price of Freedom is Visible Here. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 40% of all homeless are veterans... just like Sarge.

In appreciating what it means to be an American, my brother and I brought flowers to the Idaho State Veterans Home. Inside, experts on the topic warmly shared their views: respect the flag, constitution and one-another; be faithful; appreciate blessings and liberties as well as those who sacrificed for them; learn from the past; confront mistakes and shortcomings—regardless the discomfort.

While driving away, we passed a white-haired man pushing a walker. When he smiled and flashed a thumbs up, something said to turn back. His name was Bernard Wolff (WWII-Army). Amid falling leaves and scurrying squirrels, we shared a bench while he recounted exciting, yet tragic memories. Softly, he said, "Nothing worthwhile in life is free—especially freedom. The price is how we live it; being informed, making votes count, finding common ground, not taking anything for granted... making sacrifices." He thanked us for making his day. But really, he made ours.

I will always remember where I was on the morning of September 11th. I will always remember Sarge sitting near ground zero. I will not allow my 9/11 patriotism to become a passing fad. I will regularly visit the Veterans Home with my violin ensemble and take moments out of my life to honor those who paid the ultimate price so this nation might remain a beacon of hope for all who value freedom, justice, and liberty. It is but a small price for me, but a huge part of what it means to be an American. Conquered and oppressed are countries who forget their heroes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PULITZER  
PRIZE-WINNING CARTOONIST  
BILL MAULDIN

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

Mr. Mauldin is best known for his cartoon "Willie and Joe" which was published in Stars and Stripes and other military newspapers. His cartoon of World War II infantrymen marching their way across Europe and surviving the enemy endeared him to thousands of soldiers.

Mr. Mauldin enlisted in 1940 and was assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry. It was here where he started drawing cartoons and where he received his inspiration for "Willie and Joe." Five years later he won his first Pulitzer Prize.

He later worked for the Sun Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he won his second Pulitzer Prize.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Mauldin continued to receive praise and gratitude for his inspirational cartoons. He was not only admired by soldiers, but by his community as well for bringing laughter and comfort during difficult times.

He will truly be missed.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS EAST  
MEADOW—LEVITTOWN POST NO.  
709: "CLASSMATES TODAY—  
NEIGHBORS TOMORROW"

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of four students from the Fourth Congressional District of New York. On April 27, the students will be honored by the Jewish War Veterans East Meadow—Levittown Post No. 709 at their annual awards ceremony.

Jewish War Veterans Post No. 709 has an innovative program, Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow. It encourages local high school students to become active in community service, and in return, the program enriches many generations. Classmates Today—Neighbors Tomorrow is just one example of how the Jewish War Veterans have proven their dedication to providing a variety of services to our community.

This year, Post No. 709 has recognized the outstanding community service efforts of four students from my community. Ian Dorfman, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Stephan Schwartz, of East Meadow High School, are two of the four 2003 recipients of the Jean R. Tint Memorial Brotherhood award. Brandon Weinberg, of W.T. Clarke High School, and Jayme Feldheim, of East Meadow High School, are the two 2003 recipients of the Mike Pahl Music Award.

All of these students are most deserving of this honor and recognition. Their dedication to our community is clear and consistent. I anticipate great contributions to Long Island from each student, given the high level of community service each student has conducted during their high school years. I know I will hear about their achievements in the years to come, but in the meantime, I wish Ian, Stephan, Brandon and Jayme good luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 7, 2003*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, the following tribute to Roberto Clemente by Mr. Mayoral