

he attended a one-room country school and then a parochial school in Alma, MI. In the summer of 1956, his family moved to the small farming community of Ithaca, MI. Mr. Manina went on to graduate from Ithaca High School in 1965 and attend Central Michigan University to study secondary teaching. He worked as a harness horse groom and horse trainer during his summers while in college, a hobby that has stuck with Mr. Manina throughout his life. In June 1969 he graduated with a degree in secondary education and was simultaneously commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

In July 1969 Lieutenant Manina went on active duty and after completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Airborne School he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He was reassigned to Vietnam and served there until May 1971 as a platoon leader and intelligence officer. For his service, Lieutenant Manina was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Basic Parachutist's Badge.

Upon release from the Army, Mr. Manina trained harness horses for a year prior to entering graduate school at Central Michigan University in August 1972. He graduated with a special education certificate in June 1973 and soon after received a master's degree in special education. On August 4, 1973, he married Susan Hashbarger and they soon moved to La Grange, IN, where Mr. Manina taught at Lakeland High School. Archie and Sue were blessed with two sons.

In 1975, Archie and Sue Manina moved back to Michigan, where Archie worked in Roscommon, MI, as teacher for severely mentally impaired students. In June 1979, he left the education field and became the assistant to the administrator of Ogemaw Valley Medical Facility in Rose City until January 1984. In June 1983, Archie Manina became the director of Veterans Affairs in Ogemaw County, a position he still holds today.

As a U.S. Army veteran himself, Archie Manina has been a tireless advocate for Ogemaw County's veterans these past 26 years and has distinguished himself as a true leader in the community. Mr. Manina has worked for more than a quarter century to help honor the commitment our Nation has made to our veterans. For this, I know he has the gratitude of Ogemaw County's veterans and the entire Ogemaw County community.

Madam Speaker, Archie Manina is a humble man who has worked hard to recognize his fellow veterans for their achievements, while never seeking recognition for his own. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking and saluting Mr. Archie Manina for his 26 years of service with the Ogemaw County Veterans Affairs Office and wishing him well on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ROTH AND
MS. MARY TOMPKY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of two great Americans, Mr. John Roth and Ms. Mary Tompkey. These two dedicated civil servants have been

the glue in the resource management community of the Department of Defense since the start of the War on Terror. They have been tremendous assets in assisting the staff of the Defense Subcommittee in their review of the defense budget and have worked tirelessly in the service of their country.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Roth is the Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget) within the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller). As such, he is responsible for all aspects of the Department of Defense budget's preparation, defense, and execution. The FY 2009 budget alone totaled \$515 billion in over 50 appropriations and accounts in addition to \$70 billion to support operations for the War on Terror. Before taking his current position in 2001, Mr. Roth was the Deputy Director for Investment with the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Mr. Roth entered civil service as a trainee in the Department of the Navy's Centralized Financial Management Training Program. He has completed tours of duty at the Norfolk Naval Supply Center, the Naval Data Automation Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). He started in the Defense Comptroller's office as a budget analyst in 1984 and has, over the years, reviewed a wide variety of weapon system programs across all Defense components.

Madam Speaker, since 2005 Ms. Tompkey has been the Assistant Deputy Director of the Program Budget Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller. In this position she has helped to lead during a time of significant organizational change and has assisted the Under Secretary Comptroller during noteworthy periods of transition.

From 2002 to 2005, Ms. Tompkey worked as Director of Operations and Personnel in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller and was previously the Deputy Director for Military Construction and Classified Activities, Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller. She has also worked as an Associate Director for Investment, a Budget Analyst for the Directorate for Plans and Systems, a Budget Analyst for the Directorate for Operations and Personnel, and a Budget Analyst in the Department of the Air Force where she started in 1975.

Together, these two have been instrumental in the formulation and passage of all of the Department of Defense Appropriations bills and War Supplemental Appropriations bills since the War on Terror began in 2002.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and selfless service of these two outstanding individuals. On behalf of the United States Congress, I say "thank you" for their over fifty years of combined service and experience, for their dedication to the Department of Defense, and for their work on behalf of our brave men and women in uniform. I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that I look forward to working with them for many more years.

AMERICA CAN LEARN FROM THE
EXPERIENCE OF ZAKA SEARCH
AND RESCUE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of September 11th, we have made huge strides in expanding and updating our Nation's emergency preparedness and response capabilities. As a whole, our communities are better prepared than ever before. However, like with everything else, more can be done and we cannot lull ourselves into believing that we have all the answers; especially considering that we do not know what the next terrorist attack may look like. The old military adage is that you go into the next war with your army prepared for the last war; and I believe that philosophy applies to our Nation's emergency response system. I believe that our first responders have worked hard to anticipate and train for a future crisis but what will we do if those experts become the victims? It is not hard to imagine a scenario where terrorists attack police, firefighters and other emergency responders in order to sow more chaos and confusion. If our frontline responders go down are others prepared to step up and handle the crisis?

I believe that we should look to the efforts of ZAKA Rescue and Recovery, an Israeli volunteer organization dedicated to helping victims of terrorist attacks, accidents or natural disasters for guidance. I think we can all agree that the threat of terrorist attacks and missile strikes are an everyday worry for the people of Israel; and ZAKA volunteers are often the first to arrive on the scene when tragedy strikes working seamlessly with Israel's police and emergency responders. At the core of ZAKA's mission is the belief in the preservation of human dignity when disaster strikes. ZAKA volunteers provide first aid and rescue services, aid in the identification of the victims of terrorism, accidents and other disasters, and where necessary ensure that the deceased receive a proper Jewish burial. ZAKA first aid materials and supplies and volunteers are prepositioned in practically every Israeli community; along with special motor scooters ready to take them to the scene of any accident or terrorist attack day or night.

ZAKA has gained international recognition by expanding their rescue and recovery work around the world to include the United States. In the aftermath of the deadly Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in 2004, ZAKA teams were on the ground and worked side-by-side with the host nations and other international rescue and recovery teams to help identify victims. ZAKA has also helped return victims of plane crashes in Russia and Namibia as well as help rescue and preserve sacred Jewish Torahs in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Last year alone, ZAKA volunteers participated in more than 18,000 life-saving or search-and-rescue incidents, and I believe that ZAKA has a level of emergency preparedness and response expertise that we here in the United States could benefit from. That's why I truly believe America's first responders and our communities could benefit from ZAKA's expertise and vice versa. ZAKA's dedication to