

Bill Number: H.R. 3326
 Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Com-
 munications Systems
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal
 Street, Camden, NJ 08103
 Description of Request: Provide an earmark
 of \$3.0 million for Senior Scout COMINT
 (Communications Intelligence) Capability Up-
 grade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing
 mission, there is an immediate need to add
 improved COMINT capability to detect and
 characterize new, modern, low-power radio
 signals at extended standoff ranges in the
 presence of interference. The current systems
 are not able to detect these specific signal
 sets, which limits intelligence collection capa-
 bilities.

GOD BLESS, THANK YOU AND
 GOOD LUCK, LIEUTENANT COLO-
 NEL REBECCA LEGGIERI, MILI-
 TARY FELLOW TO THE 13TH CON-
 GRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF
 MICHIGAN

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and wish continued blessings of God upon U.S. Army LTC Rebecca Leggieri. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri served as a 90-Day Military Fellow in the office in my 13th Congressional District Office of Michigan in Washington, DC, and is due to report to the Pentagon's Office of Public Affairs in a few days as she continues her service to our Nation.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was invaluable in her ability in educating the office about the valued role that America's servicemembers perform every day to protect our freedom. As a mother, Army warrior and patriot, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri offered a unique perspective on the impact and effect of the decisions that Congress, in general, and the House Appropriations Committee on Defense, in particular. I am proud that, in the United States of America, women who have ability, character and quality can advance to the upper levels of the military as Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was born in Schenectady, New York to Joseph V. Palowich and the late Monica Palowich. She graduated from Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, New York where she excelled at basketball, track and swimming. Today, Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is still involved in athletics with her children and continues to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Rebecca graduated from Saint Lawrence University in May 1989 with a bachelors of arts degree in English Writing and Government. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri was a 4-year Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship student at Saint Lawrence University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps upon her graduation from college. She served in command and staff positions in Quartermaster and Logistics units in New York, Virginia, Nebraska and Arkansas before being assigned to Washington, DC. She later earned a masters degree in Public Communications from American University in May 2004.

Rebecca began her career in Army Public Affairs at the Pentagon in 2002 as the Speechwriter for the Chief of the Army Reserve. Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri then served as the Public Affairs and Media Officer at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from June 2004 until June 2005. She is currently serving as the Community Relations Public Affairs Officer for the Army's Chief of Public Affairs in the Pentagon.

While Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri has served for the last 3 months on Capitol Hill as an Army Fellow in the Army Congressional Orientation Program, ACOP, and assigned to me, Congresswoman CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK, I have learned much about the contributions of our individual servicemembers and their families. I thank the Secretary of the Army and former Congressman Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff General George W. Casey, Jr. for this wonderful program that is a tremendous benefit to all Members of Congress.

Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri is also very active in the local community, serving for the past 4 years as Public Relations Chair on the Board of Directors for Coles Little League in Manassas, Virginia.

In thanking and wishing the continued grace of God to Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri, I also extend the same to her family. Rebecca is married to COL John Leggieri, also in the United States Army and from New York State. John and Rebecca were married 16 years ago, on July 24, 1993. They have two children, 14-year-old Olivia, who is entering high school this fall and 11-year-old Gabriel, who will be entering middle school.

Thank you Lieutenant Colonel Leggieri for your continued public service to the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan, to our Nation, and to the world. May you, your family and all of America's military have God's continued good grace and infinite blessings.

TRIBUTE TO LTJG EDWIN NORTH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LTJG Edwin North in recognition of the 11 years of honorable service in the United States Navy during and after World War II.

Edwin North started his military career in the U.S. Army ROTC at Michigan State University. In 1943, he decided to join the U.S. Navy where he served with distinction on various ships in the Pacific Theater, including the heavy cruiser USS *Tuscaloosa*. He also served as captain of a Landing Craft Tank, LCT, where amongst his other duties, he ferried sailors, rescued from the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis*, from the USS *Doyle* to the island of Peleliu for treatment. On his LCT he performed other tasks like transporting equipment ship-to-shore, and transporting slave labor survivors, who had been rescued from Japanese capture, from Peleliu Island to resettlement on Koror Island.

In addition, Lieutenant junior grade North served with great honor and distinction in numerous other activities in the Pacific Theater, performing reconnaissance missions and deliveries ship-to-shore on his LCT, mostly in

areas of potential danger to life and craft that were still under Japanese control. In another instance, Lieutenant junior grade North was handpicked to be an observer in the turret of an amphibious PBY observation plane. He performed these duties calmly and courageously, gaining praise for his surveying and observation skills in the midst of a high level of danger while reconnoitering active Japanese emplacements and other potential Naval targets on New Guinea. Lieutenant junior grade North was seriously injured in a fire resulting from the collision of his combat ship with its supply ship. He spent several months in various hospitals recovering from his injuries before returning to duty.

Following his service in the Pacific Theater, Lieutenant junior grade North was assigned stateside to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois. On January 19, 1954, LTJG Edwin North was honorably discharged from active duty after eleven years of service in the United States Navy. In more recent times, Lieutenant junior grade North served as a volunteer with distinction in the Michigan Governor's Home Guard.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize LTJG Edwin North in gratitude for his eleven years of service to our country. I hope the years to come will bring him health, happiness, and special memories with family and friends. We are thankful for his dedication to this nation, and wish him and his family the best.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are dedicated to educating our Nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

Since the House Fellows Program began in 2006, 63 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program, with 12 more enrolled for this summer. With plans to select a teacher from every congressional district over the next several years, the