

Supervisor Kelley also helped create new parks and recreational facilities throughout his district, including the Boys & Girls Club in Windsor, and renovate existing youth facilities in Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Larkfield-Wikiup.

He was the key proponent of returning commercial air service to the Charles M. Schulz/Sonoma County Airport. The regional airport now has daily flights to four western cities.

Supervisor Kelley's special assignments on the board included membership on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the North Coast Rail Authority, the Water Agency Committee, the Local Agency Formation Commission (Chair), the Eel Russian River Commission (Chair), the Redwood Empire Association, the North Coast Air Pollution Control District, the North Coastal Counties Supervisors' Association, the Public Policy Facilitating Committee, the Sonoma County Advertising Program, the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Program and the Association of California Water Agencies (President).

Madam Speaker, after 16 years of public service to the people of Sonoma, Paul Kelley deserves to enjoy the riches of this new phase of his life as a water and transportation consultant. We wish him well.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM FERRY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize William Ferry, a World War II Army veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. William Ferry was recognized on Tuesday, October 5. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: WILLIAM FERRY
(By Greg Eckstrom)

William Ferry joined the Army, along with his cousin, for pretty much the usual reasons.

"My cousin and I, we were going to be big shots," Ferry said with a laugh.

In many ways, Ferry was.

Originally from Pilot Mound, and returning to Boone after World War II, where he lived at the same address his whole life, Ferry entered his military career by volunteering rather than being drafted.

"My cousin and I decided to join the Army and see the world, so we went down and joined the Army," he said. "Well, that's the last I'd seen of him for three years."

Ferry, although speaking in a serious voice, seemed to put a lighter spin on his military experience than some. In recalling his basic training at Spokane, Wash., Ferry remembers learning how to type.

"They asked if I could type," he said. "And they gave me a book and said, 'Here, you've got a week to learn.' They give me a book and let me go."

The definition of self-taught. Ferry breezed through the book and learned to use a typewriter, admittedly saying that fortunately he didn't have to learn how to type extremely quickly.

While going through basic training in Washington, Ferry met the woman he would later marry . . . a marriage that happened prior to Ferry heading overseas for service. The position that Ferry was assigned to, however, didn't lend itself to easing the worries of his new bride's parents on their daughter's husband.

"They put me in a cryptographic section, which is decoding and encoding secret messages," he said. "The FBI checked out my family, her family and everybody she knew and everybody they knew. Her folks got to wondering what was going on."

The background check passed, however, and Ferry was sent overseas.

"They got us on a boat, and they made MPs out of us," he said. "We had to be an MP . . . had to work four hours on and four hours off for seven days a week for 31 days. And we ended up in India."

The boat pulled into a harbor with a large sign supported on two columns, reading "Gateway to India." They had landed in Bombay.

Ferry was put onto a train and traveled for a week until he arrived at his post—a building that, putting it lightly, was a rather safe place to be stationed.

"We went to a building that was inside of a compound that had about a 10 foot wall around us," he said. "We worked behind locked doors and we had to decode and encode incoming messages and outgoing messages to the headquarters."

The work was interesting, however the climate was hot. Ferry said it took him six months just to get used to the heat. Then came the monsoons.

"They blew the roof off of our barracks one night, which was made out of grass," he said. "I never heard it rain so hard than down there when that monsoon hit. It really rained."

Ferry recalls one night that he was working alone at the compound, decoding a message that had come in while a general paced back and forth behind him. Ferry wasn't sure what he was there for, but he decoded the message, and watched the general grab it and take off. He found out the next day that the message he had decoded was the one giving the orders to bomb Hiroshima.

Heading back to the United States following his time overseas, Ferry recalls arriving in Miami and the feeling of relief to be back in his country.

"I got back to Miami, got down and kissed the ground," he said.

Returning, arguably as a big shot, Ferry fondly recalls his time in the service, noting his favorite part as being the opportunity to travel.

"Just seeing the world," he said.

I commend William Ferry for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING AMERICAN PHILHARMONIC-SONOMA COUNTY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to celebrate the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County which has been honored with an invitation from the government of China and the Dalian Yuan Concert Production Company to tour northern China over this coming New Year's holiday.

The tour will be sponsored and supported almost entirely by the Chinese government and will include eight concerts in 12 days in Shanghai, Beijing, Yantai, and Qindao.

Known as the "people's orchestra," the American Philharmonic performs free concerts at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa, California, in keeping with their mission: "To make the beauty of music and the power of community alive and available for everyone."

Founded 12 years ago, the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County has been offering a variety of musical performances as an all-volunteer organization, with both amateur and professional musicians, 60 to 75 in all. According to volunteer cellist Brian Lloyd, "We give our time and talent out of love for the music and belief that the gift of beautiful music is nurturing for the community."

The program on the Chinese tour will celebrate our cultural connections by including American, Chinese, and European music. Music Director Gabriel Sakakeeny will lead the orchestra, and featured soloists will be Sonoma State University piano professor Marilyn Thompson and French violinist Solenn Seguillon.

"This is an incredible opportunity for American Philharmonic," says Maestro Sakakeeny. "It is such an honor to be invited to perform in the Carnegie halls of China, and we are looking forward to sharing our music and representing our country to the Chinese people. It's going to be an amazing tour."

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County on the eve of a major tour that will share our local treasure with the people of China.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LESTER CARTER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Lester Carter, recipient of the James Baker Award from the Milwaukee Community Brainstorming Conference (CBC). The CBC was established to inform the community about a range of facts, issues, and solutions that relate to the well-being of the African American community. The forum offers a venue for interaction between policy makers and the community and an opportunity for the community to express their needs and expectations.

Dr. Carter has been the owner and pharmacist of Carter's Drug Store for over 43 years and is located in the heart of the inner city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He provides a holistic approach to his services, distributing a combination of standard pharmaceuticals and natural remedies to his clients. Dr. Carter is an expert on herbology and pharmacognosy which is the study of medicines derived from natural sources. In fact, he has developed special trademarked ointments, solutions and compounds available only at his pharmacy. Individuals from the entire metro Milwaukee area and throughout the country, from all nationalities swear by and purchase his formulations.

Dr. Carter graduated from Creighton University's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health