

bravely served our country in overseas deployments since September 11, 2011.

Kentucky's National Guard has also been there to assist Kentuckians when disaster has struck. In the last four years alone, the Commonwealth's Guard has been mobilized nine times following disaster declarations in the State. The Guard has protected and served Kentuckians during and after a wide range of disasters that have wreaked havoc on the state, from floods and tornadoes to the 2009 ice storm. Kentucky's citizens owe a great debt of gratitude to the men and women of the Kentucky National Guard.

Today, on the eve of Veterans Day, I wish to honor the Kentucky Army National Guard for its dedication to better serving Kentucky, and Adjutant General Edward W. Tonini on the organization's continued achievements.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS AND MACKIE REAMS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a couple who truly exemplify the spirit of Kentucky. Mackie and Doris Reams have been happily married for 57 years and have lived an exciting and romantic life together in London, KY.

When Mackie, now 80, first saw Doris, he was about 20 and was working as a tobacco cutter in a field near her house; she was only 16 at the time. "I saw her a few times and I just got brave enough to ask her to go out," he recalled. "I couldn't resist those pretty blond curls . . . That's how it started. We went together for about three years before we got married." Mackie and Doris were married on October 3, 1953, by preacher Layton Vandaventer and have been inseparable ever since.

The couple lived in Mackie's parents' house on Old Salem Road for several years after they wed and worked on the family farm. Each day they milked 8 cows by hand and tended to 6,000 broiler chickens. "We fed and took care of them for nine weeks," recalls Doris, now 76. "Then Purina Company came and we loaded them on a truck that took them to a processing plant in Mt. Sterling."

In 1955, Mackie began a brief stint of service in the U.S. Army—his service ended in 1957. Afterwards, he began a career at Caron Spinning where he worked for 27 years. Doris was also employed at the Caron Spinning factory for almost 13 years until it finally closed down. Mackie's final job before he retired was as a door greeter at Walmart. "My legs and knees got to bothering me, standing there all the time," Mackie said. "So, I just quit. We just go and do whatever we want to do," he says in reference to their daily routine.

Each day the couple walks at Kmart every morning and visits the Laurel County Older Person Activity Center. "We play cards and play cornhole in the exercise room," Doris said. "We

have lunch. OPAC has a lot of things to do. They took us to the state fair this year," she explained. In what spare time they do have, Doris and Mackie also attend Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

"We have been very healthy and happy all our life together," Mackie and Doris are lucky enough to say. "We thank God for that."

Doris and Mackie Reams are an outstanding pair of Kentuckians who are truly blessed for the wonderful lifetime they have shared together. They are hard-working, caring citizens whose lifetime of success and happiness serves as an inspiration to the people of our great Commonwealth.

The Laurel County-area publication the Sentinel Echo recently published an article highlighting this couple's achievements over the years. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Sentinel Echo, Winter 2011]

TOGETHER, WHEREVER WE GO

(By Carol Mills)

Former Walmart greeter Mackie Reams met his wife Doris 60 years ago, and they have been happily married for 57 years. He is 80 and she is 76.

Their secret to staying in love for so long is they do everything together.

"We just went together wherever we were going, and we still do," Doris said.

Mackie said he lets her do all the shopping, but he goes with her. Sometimes he sits and waits on her to finish shopping, but he is always near.

"If we went somewhere, we took our kids with us and everybody went. That's just the way we lived."

Doris moved to Bill George Road from Knox County with her parents at a young age.

"I've lived around this territory ever since I was 10 years old," she said. "My dad owned all this country back in here where all the houses are. We just farmed. We raised tobacco and corn. After we got married, I worked for Caron Spinning. I worked there for 13 years until they closed out."

Mackie farmed at his parents' place on Old Salem Road. After he married Doris, the couple stayed with his parents for a couple of years. On his farm, they milked eight cows by hand twice a day for two years and sold the milk to Southern Belle Dairy Company.

The Reams also raised broiler chickens.

"The broiler house held 6,000 chickens," Doris recalled. "We fed and took care of them for nine weeks. Then Purina Company came, and we loaded them on a truck that took them to a processing plant in Mt. Sterling. Then we would have to clean the house and get ready for another bunch of baby chickens and start all over again."

Mackie spent two years in the U.S. Army—1955 to 1957. He then worked at Caron Spinning for 27 years and for 13 years as a door greeter at Walmart.

"I quit about three years ago," Mackie said. "My legs and knees got to bothering me, standing there all the time. So, I just quit. We just go and do whatever we want to do."

The couple walks at Kmart every morning and attend Calvary Baptist Church every Sunday morning and evening and on Wednesday.

The couple also visits Laurel County Older Person Activity Center almost every day.

"We play cards and play cornhole in the exercise room," Doris said. "We have lunch. OPAC has a lot of things to do."

Mackie said OPAC took them to Frankfort to see the Capitol.

"They took us to the state fair this year," Doris said.

They used to travel a lot.

"We've been to a lot of the states," Doris said. "We usually went with friends. We went all the way to California, driving around on two weeks of vacation. We just drove and stopped whenever we got ready."

"Niagara Falls, all up in New York and all up in that territory," Mackie added. "All over Kentucky and the United States just about."

In the '70s and '80s, Mackie and Doris were active in sports. He played baseball while Doris watched and rooted for him. They also went bowling three or four nights a week at Levi Lanes.

"We won lots of trophies," Doris said. "I also used to quilt a lot during the winter months and made crocheted afghans, but I can't anymore because of my arthritis in my hands."

Mackie first noticed Doris at her home near where he was cutting tobacco in a field. Her home was just a couple of houses down from where she now lives on Bill George Road. He was 20 years old, and she was 16.

"I saw her a few times and I just got brave enough to ask her to go out," he recalled. "I couldn't resist those pretty blond curls. That's how it started. We got to going to church together. We went together for about three years before we got married."

Mackie said he drove his father's pickup to do his courting.

"I got to drive it," he said. "I'd go get her and we'd go to church. We'd ride around and maybe go up to town on Saturday and walk up and down the streets. I never did go to the Reda (theater) with her because her family was kind of strict. They didn't want her going places like that at that time."

"My parents were old fashioned," Doris laughed. "I guess they finally decided we were going to get married anyway and agreed. They didn't like it too well, but they went ahead with it. My dad went with us to the wedding, but my mom didn't because she thought she would cry or something. We got married in the preacher's house on Oct. 3, 1953. His name was Layton Vandaventer. He's deceased now."

Doris and Mackie have been in good health for most of their lives.

"We have been very healthy and happy all our life together," they said. "We thank God for that."

The couple has two children, Eddie Reams and Phyllis Purvis, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS ACT

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a letter from Attorney General Holder.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, DC, November 3, 2011.

Hon. JON KYL,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR KYL: This responds to your letters to Attorney General Holder dated June 6, 2011, and November 2, 2011, regarding the Department of Justice's implementation and enforcement of the Crime Victims'