

truck. Musgrove can remember when Clarence Harmon picked up a pump and gave it to the Kiwanis to use. "We kept it up at the service station, and it froze and burst. I only remember us putting out one fire with it and that was in a cabin down at the Shell Grove. Later, when Bob Anderson was county judge-executive, there was a salesman with two fire trucks for sale. Bob appointed me and Bon L. Bybee to check on the trucks. Tweedy Hatfield helped too. In 1967, with the help of Mr. Wright from the Bank of McCreary County, we ended up forming the McCreary County Fire Commission and bought a truck for Pine Knot and one for Whitley City. I was the board chairman for the South McCreary County Fire Department for many years. During that time, we built the sub-station at Holy Hill."

Musgrove also played a role in the initial development of the McCreary County Water District. Judge-Executive Prince Stephens appointed Musgrove, Bill Gilreath, and Alfred Kidd as water commissioners for the Pine Knot/Revelo area. "We brought engineers out of Tennessee to help build a water district," Musgrove recalls. "They did a study of the county and recommended that we join together with the Whitley City Water District. Whitley hadn't done much, so we decided to eliminate the two districts and form one new McCreary County Water District. I represented Pine Knot. A.W. Holmes represented Whitley City, and Dr. Winchester represented Stearns. We were the first three water commissioners for McCreary County. The three of us ended up signing a personal note and buying a farm that was for sale. That's where the water reservoir was built. There was a problem, though, when the lake covered five acres of Forest Service land. We had to get a special permit to take care of that!"

Years later, Musgrove became involved with the McCreary County Development Association. The Association was formed to help the water department and McCreary County. Musgrove remembers when the water department discovered that they could get grants to run water lines to industrial sites. He smiles as he explains, "I remember those people saying that they hoped we were smart enough to find a site away from town. I guess we went to the extreme! Industrial sites were bought in Greenwood and near the state line. We managed to get a grant that let us lay water lines to those sites on both ends of the county!"

In addition to busying himself with McCreary County telephone, water, and fire department concerns over the years, Musgrove also turned his attention to the development of a local airport by becoming a member of McCreary County's first airport board. Musgrove can recall early attempts to establish an airport. "We found two pieces of property where an airport could be built. Both tracts belonged to the Forest Service. When we chose the Pine Knot site, we had to get a special use permit from them. They had clear-cut the site and planted it with pine trees. Burris Smith and I surveyed it and finally got a dirt runway built. "Doc" Jim Anderson had a small plane, and he became chairman of that board. We had several people on the board, including Jim Burgess, Harold Hickman, and Burris Smith. We got Bob Gable on there too, because he knew people in Frankfort. Later, there was a land exchange with the Forest Service, and McCreary County was finally able to get the airport turned over to them."

After serving on the McCreary County Airport Board for four years, Musgrove went on to serve on the McCreary County Industrial Development Association, the first Stearns Museum Board, and, for 31 years, as a board member of the Kentucky Highlands Invest-

ment Corporation Board. The Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation is an organization formed to help fund businesses so that jobs are created. KHIC began in the old wholesale building (now the Depot) in downtown Stearns and has since moved to London, Kentucky, where it currently serves over 20 counties. Musgrove and Bill Singleton currently represent McCreary County.

Along with his active participation in the community throughout the years, Musgrove has supported himself and his family through self-employment. Musgrove operated a car body and fender repair shop and was a plumbing and excavation contractor. He and his wife also operated a mobile-home park. Always eager to learn, Musgrove attended classes about business law and small-business management.

Today, the walls of Musgrove's home are adorned with many photographs, certificates, and awards. Photos of U.S. presidents, including former President George W. Bush, are displayed. One photograph, snapped when Musgrove visited a factory as a KHIC board member, shows Eldred shaking the hand of President Bill Clinton. Musgrove comments on that photo, "I shook his hand. It didn't make much difference to me that he was the president."

Eldred's latest project is an attempt to erect a monument that displays the Ten Commandments and honors veterans. He comments that he still has a job to accomplish in life. "I still have a job to do. I'm just not sure what it is. My job may be taking care of my wife, writing letters to congressmen or erecting a monument. All I know is that I still have a job to do." So it is, that Eldred Musgrove, who was not overly impressed by shaking the hand of the president, still finds great happiness in "making a difference" in the lives of his fellow McCreary Countians.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 33 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since July 5, 2011. This brings to 309 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 17 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan.

SSG Nicanor Amper IV, 36, of San Jose, CA, died July 5 in Khowst, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with a rocket propelled grenade. Staff Sergeant Amper was assigned to the 6th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Knox, KY.

LCpl Norberto Mendez Hernandez, 22, of Logan, UT, died July 10 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Mendez Hernandez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Christopher L. Camero, 19, of Kailua Kona, HI, died July 15 of wounds suffered July 6 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Camero was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SSG James M. Christen, 29, of Loomis, CA, died July 19 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Christen was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SGT William B. Gross Paniagua, 28, of Daly City, CA, died July 31 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Gross Paniagua was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SSgt Leon H. Lucas Jr., 32, of Wilson, NC, died August 1 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Lucas was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SPC Jinsu Lee, 34, of Chatsworth, CA, died August 5 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Specialist Lee was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

SSgt Andrew W. Harvell, 26, of Long Beach, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Staff Sergeant Harvell was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Field, NC.

PO1 (SEAL) Jesse D. Pittman, 27, of Ukiah, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Petty Officer Pittman was assigned to a west coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

PO1 (SEAL) Darrik C. Benson, 28, of Angwin, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Petty Officer Benson was assigned to an east coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

MCPO (SEAL) Louis J. Langlais, 44, of Santa Barbara, CA, died August 6 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Master Chief Petty Officer Langlais was assigned to an east coast-based Naval Special Warfare Unit.

Sgt Adan Gonzales Jr., 28, of Bakersfield, CA, died August 7 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Gonzales was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Joshua J. Robinson, 29, of Omaha, NE, died August 7 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Robinson was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division,

I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Rueben J. Lopez, 27, of Williams, CA, died August 11 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Private First Class Lopez was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

SPC Kevin R. Shumaker, 24, of Livermore, CA, died August 31 in a stateside hospital of a noncombat related illness. Specialist Shumaker was assigned to the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

SPC Koran P. Contreras, 21, of Lawndale, CA, died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device September 8 in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Specialist Contreras was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

SPC Douglas J. Jeffries Jr., 20, of Springville, CA, died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device September 8 in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Specialist Jeffries was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

SSG Daniel A. Quintana, 30, of Huntington Park, CA, died September 10 in Paktika Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Quintana was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Cpl Michael J. Dutcher, 22, of Asheville, NC, died September 15 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Corporal Dutcher was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Carlos A. Aparicio, 19, of San Bernadino, CA, died September 23 in Wardak, Province, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. Private First Class Aparicio was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, LA.

SGT Tyler N. Holtz, 22, of Dana Point, CA, died September 24 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Sergeant Holtz was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

SPC Garrett A. Fant, 21, of American Canyon, CA, died September 26 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Fant was as-

signed to the 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.

SSgt Nicholas A. Sprovtsoff, 28, of Davison, MI, died September 28 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Sprovtsoff was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Christopher Diaz, 27, of Albuquerque, NM, died September 28 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Diaz was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Benjamin W. Schmidt, 24, of San Antonio, TX, died October 6 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Schmidt was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr., 24, of Salinas, CA, died October 8 in Logar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Specialist Cerros was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

CW3 James B. Wilke, 38, of Ione, CA, died October 10, in Doha, Qatar. Chief Warrant Officer Wilke was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, TX.

SFC Kristoffer B. Domeij, 29, of San Diego, CA, died October 22, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant First Class Domeij was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

LCpl Jordan S. Basteen, 19, of Pekin, IL, died October 23 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Basteen was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Jason N. Barfield, 22, of Ashford, AL, died October 24 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Barfield was assigned to 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

SSgt Stephen J. Dunning, 31, of Milpitas, CA, died October 27 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Dunning was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

SGT Carlo F. Eugenio, 29, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, died October 29, in Kabul Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. Sergeant Eugenio was assigned to 756th Transportation Company, 224th Sustainment Brigade, California Army National Guard, Van Nuys, CA.

LCpl Nickolas A. Daniels, 25, of Elmwood Park, IL, died November 5 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Daniels was assigned to 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

I would also like to pay tribute to the one servicemember from California who has died while serving our country in Iraq since July 5, 2011. This brings to 892 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Iraq. This represents 20 percent of all U.S. deaths in Iraq.

PFC Steven F. Shapiro, 29, of Hidden Valley Lake, CA, died October 21 in Tallil, Iraq. Private First Class Shapiro was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

#### MILITARY FAMILY MONTH 2011

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families during Military Family Month 2011.

Each November marks Military Family Month. This is an important time for Americans to recognize and honor the commitment and sacrifices of our extraordinary military families.

And it is a time to express our gratitude. We know that when a servicemember puts on a uniform, the entire family sacrifices for our country. Military families endure frequent moves, long separations, interruptions in careers and education, and the anxiety that comes with having a loved one in harm's way. They face these unique challenges with grace and courage.

We also know that the security of our Nation and the readiness of our military are inextricably linked to the strength of our military families. Not only do these families support our brave men and women in uniform, they come together to support each other and generously dedicate their time to make a difference in their communities.

As cochair of the Senate Military Family Caucus, I am deeply grateful to these incredible men, women and children for their strength and their sacrifice. Their selfless service to their communities and our Nation is an example for us all.

President Obama eloquently stated in proclaiming Military Family Month 2011 that "With every step we take on