

TRIBUTE TO DR. CAROL LOWMAN
DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDING
GENERAL U.S. ARMY CON-
TRACTING COMMAND

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize and applaud the achievements of Dr. Carol Lowman, who serves as the deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Contracting Command (ACC). Headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, ACC includes more than 6,300 military and civilian employees across the globe who provide support to our warfighters by acquiring equipment, supplies, and services vital to our Soldiers' mission and daily needs. Dr. Lowman will soon retire after more than 20 years of distinguished service to America's Army. Throughout her career, Dr. Lowman has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, initiative, and selfless service in the execution of programs supporting the total force of quality Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The distinctive accomplishments of Dr. Lowman reflect great credit upon her, the Army Contracting Command, the U.S. Army, and the Department of Defense.

Dr. Lowman began her Army career as a contracting intern with the Information Systems Command at Fort Richie, Maryland. She has served with distinction at virtually every level in the Army contracting community. Prior to her ACC Headquarters assignment, she was the acting director of the Mission and Installation Contracting Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She has also served as the director and principal assistant responsible for contracting and chief, Business Systems Division for the Army Contracting Agency Southern Region in Atlanta, Georgia and as chief, Management Branch for the Contracting Division at the U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

While her career accomplishments are many and significant, I wish to highlight Dr. Lowman's contributions to the establishment of the Army Contracting Command on March 13, 2008. She was one of several senior Army leaders who worked tirelessly to create a new major command from the ground up in record time. Her wisdom, insight, and vision were essential elements in building the foundation of a global enterprise that awarded and managed more than 198,000 contractual actions valued at more than \$86.9 billion in fiscal year 2011.

Dr. Lowman also played a key role last year in the relocation of ACC Headquarters from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to Redstone Arsenal. This move followed the transfer of ACC's parent-command, the Army Material Command (AMC) Headquarters to Redstone from Fort Belvoir, as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision in 2005. While AMC had several years to plan for and transition to its new Alabama home, ACC completed its relocation in less than 18 months. This tremendous accomplishment was a direct result of Dr. Lowman's inspired leadership, foresight, and team building skills.

Dr. Lowman assumed leadership of the ACC, as executive director, on September 27, 2011. This was the first time a female Senior Executive Service member was designated

the senior leader of a military command and was a true testament to the faith and confidence Army leadership had in her ability to support Army acquisition requirements during a time of war. Dr. Lowman resumed her deputy duties on May 17, 2012 when ACC welcomed its first commanding general.

On September 20, 2011, the President appointed Dr. Lowman as the Army representative on the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled. The committee is an independent federal agency that administers the AbilityOne program which is the largest employment resource for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Dr. Lowman's husband, Mark, a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, for supporting his wife and for his service to our country. The Lowmans have been blessed with five children and five grandchildren. We wish Dr. Lowman and her family all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF CHUCK RUNION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Chief Petty Officer Charles Clinton Runion, U.S. Navy Retired, who resides in Washington, NC.

Mr. Runion was born in Irwin, TN, on August 7, 1923, and over his lifetime he has served his country and distinguished himself as a role model in patriotism.

In October of 1940, Mr. Runion enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country for 24 years before retiring. As a successful Navy pilot during WWII and the Korean War, he has flown over 80 different aviation vessels throughout his military and civilian life.

Mr. Runion has had the honor and privilege to fly many important people of the time. He has flown President Gerald Ford and First Lady Mamie Eisenhower. He flew First Lady Jackie Kennedy from Washington, DC, to Growton, Connecticut, to launch the USS *Lafayette* nuclear submarine. Mr. Runion continued his streak of flying the country's most important into the 1960's with Hubert Humphrey, Lady Bird Johnson and Tennessee Congressman Jimmy Quillen.

Throughout his career, Chuck Runion has been honored with many accolades. He has been awarded an air medal with gold star, Navy unit commendation, an American defense letter "A," an American/European Pacific theater medal, a WWII victory medal, a Korean unit commendation and a good conduct medal with four stars. He also earned a humanitarian ribbon and a Berlin airlift ribbon. Mr. Runion's last flight was on Aug. 7, 2011—his 88th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, Chuck Runion is part of the Greatest Generation. Like most members of this generation, when the war was over they came home and became an important part of the community. Mr. Runion not only became an important part of his community, but he was able to continue his love of flying.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Mr. and Mrs. Runion at their home. I was pleased to look through the scrapbooks from Mr.

Runion's years of service to this country. That is why today I want to recognize him on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Runion remains active in his community and remains involved in current political issues. He is a member of Wanoca Presbyterian Church in Washington, NC, and has a good friend in Pastor Travis Boyd. I am honored to represent such a fine man who has been such an asset to our country and pleased to have him recognized by the United States Congress.

IN HONOR'S CODE, THE U.S. CPL CODY STANTON

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CPL Cody Stanton of Raleigh North Carolina, United States Army, 21st MP CO "ABN". On January 26, 2012 while out on a mission CPL Cody Stanton was almost killed in an IED explosion. With the quick help of his brother in arms SSG Marcus Emelio, his life was saved when he applied two tourniquets. In a few short months Cody has come so far and so fast in his recovery over at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda. Another very important part of his recovery has been his mother Nancy Stanton who has been there for him constantly. The families of our wounded warriors are the unsung heroes who make the difference in recovery. I ask that this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

In Honor's Code . . .
What men must bare,
this heavy load!
All in where they must go!
All in what they must do!
While, all in the face of death their fine
hearts stand true!
All for me and you!
To so provide freedom's hue!
All for that old red, white and blue!
All in times of war,
when hearts of courage must stand true!
As what they are,
in what they do!
As so Cody,
as so have you!
As a man of faith . . .
Whose fine heart would not so wave!
Who so lives by such an ethos,
SUCH A CODE,
that which so means the most!
Who to this our nation so gave!
Almost his life,
and his two fine strong legs . . .
as death stood close!
For this hero,
can you but not so hear the Angel's pray, all
of those?
For it was on a battlefield of honor bright,
where heroes are so made who for us so fight!
Where this fine hero almost so lost his life!
But, coming back from the dead as his great
heart shone so bright!
As he so looked down upon his new plight!
As he so realized that things would never be
the same that night!
As his heart so went Air Borne,
oh what a sight!
As one of Carolina's favorite son's!
Went off to war to so patriotically do what
must be done!
As have all of our most courageous sons!