

Deputy Surgeon for Mobilization, Readiness and Reserve Affairs.

While serving as the Commander of the 8th Medical Brigade, Major General Kasulke was selected to the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee in Washington DC, and to the General Officer Medical Advisory Committee. Through these two prestigious committees, Major General Kasulke became the voice of the medical profession for the 77th Regional Support Command and the United States Army Reserve at the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism.

Major General Kasulke instituted a highly successful Innovative Readiness Training program in support of an American Indian program named: Walking Shield American Indian Society. Operation Walking Shield deployed military doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical personnel to various American Indian reservations to help address the serious health challenges that existed in those austere areas in five states over a period of five years. The soldiers deploying to these sites returned with enhanced skills in their medical field and with the knowledge they have served their nation in a unique and meaningful way.

Major General Kasulke was also instrumental in creating a partnership with Kings County Medical Center, New York for a trauma training program which included the Jacobi Medical Center, New York. These partnerships proved to be an invaluable asset for training medical personnel for the type of trauma injuries those medical Soldiers would see within a combat theater of operations. The partnership augmented medical readiness of medical Army Reserve soldiers, and improved the training readiness of hundreds of medical personnel in the United States Army Reserve.

While serving as the Deputy Surgeon General for Mobilization, Readiness and Reserve Affairs, Major General Kasulke was the Senior United States Army Reserve Medical Department Officer acting as the representative and advisor to the Army Surgeon General. During his tenure he was instrumental in improving the joint medical readiness of the United States Army Reserve and National Guard. Major General Kasulke influenced and enhanced Army Reserve medical unit readiness by developing and increasing the number of joint medical exercises which sought to build and develop clinical training programs for Reserve clinicians. Furthermore, he improved support to the Surgeon General by building a United States Army Reserve Medical Consultant Staff, which was the first ever for the Surgeon General's office.

Major General Kasulke's career is culminating with his assignment as the Commander of the Army Reserve Medical Command, at the C. W. Bill Young Armed Forces Reserve Center in Pinellas Park, Florida. Here, Major General Kasulke was the driving force for the Reserve Component Soldier Medical Support Center. This program coupled with the Medical Management Activity rapidly evaluates permanent profiles of Soldiers across the Army Reserve. Under Major General Kasulke's stewardship, over 3,300 medically not ready profiles were reviewed resulting in a cost savings of over \$88 million, and directly returning over 1,500 Soldiers back to duty. The Medical Management Activity also downgraded approximately 3,500 profiles which equates to \$120 million in cost savings returning Soldiers back to their formations in a ready and deployable status.

In his civilian career, Major General Kasulke is a board certified vascular surgeon. He is also board certified in general surgery and quality assurance. He is certified in medical regulating and HIV medicine. He is also a founding member of the American Hospice Organization. He authored or co-authored several articles or chapters in numerous books and periodicals. He also serves as Assistant Editor for *The Federal Practitioner* and *The Journal of Military Medicine for Vascular and General Surgery*. Major General Kasulke serves as Chair, Director, or member for over seven community, county, or regional boards of directors. He also serves on five military associations and was most recently elected to serve as President for the Congress of the International Organization of Medical Reservists.

The Army Medical Department, the United States Army, and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Major General Robert J. Kasulke retires. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Major General Robert J. Kasulke's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully over three generations of Soldiers and their Families.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major General Robert J. Kasulke for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Catherine, daughter Kristen, and son Stephen, all the best in his retirement.

NORTH KOREA REFUGEE  
ADOPTION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of H.R. 1464, the North Korea Refugee Adoption Act of 2011, I rise to thank Mr. Royce and Ranking Member Berman for bringing this important bipartisan bill to the floor on September 11, 2012.

This bill was introduced to assist North Korean children living "stateless" outside of that country who face starvation and neglect because they are neither North Korean citizens nor citizens of the country where they currently reside. There are many American families who would love to give a home to these orphans and refugee children if they could. This legislation will help make that process easier.

The bill encourages the Homeland and State Departments to develop strategies to help reunite North Korean refugee children with their families or to facilitate the adoption of the children by citizens of South Korea, China or other countries. Many of these children have Chinese fathers and North Korean mothers but are not claimed by either parent, and being stateless, don't have access to the resources of either country. This bill will help provide for their immediate care and begin the process of getting them settled.

I am proud to support this bill and ask my colleagues to join me.

LOCAL OLYMPIANS

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and recognize the Pittsburghers who competed in the 2012 London Olympic Games.

We are proud in Pittsburgh to be a city of champions with deep-rooted team spirit and winning traditions. These Olympians have reached the pinnacle of accomplishment in their sports, and today I would like to salute their unyielding pursuit of excellence. These hometown heroes embody the ambition, resilience, courage, and dogged work ethic that the people of Western Pennsylvania deeply admire. I would like to individually recognize each of these outstanding athletes.

Cassidy Krug attended Montour High School and Stanford University, where she was unbeaten in diving dual meet competitions. The NCAA champion, three time All-American, and 10-time national champion was coached by both of her parents—her father, the head diving coach at the University of Pittsburgh and her mother, a coach at the Pitt Aquatic Club team. She briefly retired before making a comeback to compete in diving in London, coming in 7th in the women's 3m springboard. She now plans to pursue a career in writing.

Trevor Barron of Bethel Park, a race-walking prodigy, studies computer science at Colorado College. He started suffering seizures from epilepsy at age 8 and underwent multiple brain surgeries to overcome them. Thankfully, he is now seizure-free, and throughout the trying episodes, Barron exhibited an extraordinary zeal to achieve greatness. Barron won the U.S. National Junior Olympics every year from 2003 to 2006. He set the American record in the men's 20,000 meter race-walk at the 2012 Olympic trials. He finished 26th in London setting an American record in the event.

Allison Schmitt, two-time Olympian and six-time Olympic medalist hails from the city of Pittsburgh. She took bronze in the 4x200 meter freestyle relay at her Olympic debut in Beijing. This time around she swam the anchor leg in two relays bringing home the bronze in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay and the gold in the 4x100 meter medley relay. She also won silver in the 400 meter freestyle and gold in the 200 meter freestyle. Schmitt, known for her fun-loving nature and infectious positive attitude, is headed back to the University of Georgia for her senior year.

Swin Cash of McKeesport helped the U.S. basketball team to its fifth straight gold medal at the Olympics. The team is on a 41-game winning streak in the Olympics, usually winning by nearly 30 point margins. Cash played basketball for UConn, leading the Huskies to National Championships in 2000 and 2002, when she was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. The second pick in the 2002 WNBA draft, she was selected by the Detroit Shock, and led the team to its first WNBA Championship the following year. This is her second gold at the Olympics, as she also played on the 2004 U.S. team in Athens. Cash has graciously given back to the community in McKeesport through her charity "Cash for Kids" which uses sports and cultural