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Friend, a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has served as editor of the publication since 1996, and its publisher since 2004. Friend's intellect, unwavering devotion to the truth, and high standards of journalistic integrity have made a mark in West Virginia. They have also earned her the West Virginia Press Association's Adam R. Kelly Premier Journalist Award in 2009, which is the association's highest honor.

Nanya Friend and her husband Rod have been married for 36 years, and together they have two children Kara and Keith. She is also a proud grandmother to Lydia and Meredith.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Nanya Friend for her extraordinary service to the people of West Virginia and for the advances she has made in her field.

TRIBUTE TO LT. GENERAL  
RICHARD J. SEITZ

**HON. TIM HUELSKAMP**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to the life of Lt. General Richard J. Seitz of Junction City, Kansas. On June 8th, 2013, General "Dick" Seitz completed a storied life at the age of 95.

Born in Leavenworth, Kansas on February 18th, 1918, he grew up in that city and then attended Kansas State University where in 1939 he began dating his first wife, Bettie Jean Merrill. That same year Dick, foreseeing World War II looming on the horizon, accepted a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. He went through the sixth jump school class the Army ever had—thus becoming one of its first paratroopers.

With the advent of the war, Dick rose rapidly. At the age of only 25 in March 1942, as a Major, he was given command of the 2nd Battalion of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team. Thereafter, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and, as the Army's youngest battalion commander, led his battalion throughout its historic combat operations in Europe with the personal radio call sign of "Dangerous Dick."

The 517th was flung into combat at Anzio at the time of the breakout from that beachhead followed by fighting up the Italian peninsula. They then made the combat jump into the southern invasion of France at 4 a.m., on August 15th, 1944 as the airborne element of Operation Dragoon with its subsequent heavy combat in the French Maritime Alps. Finally, put in reserve in Northeastern France in December 1944, Dick was drawing up Paris leave rosters for his men when Adolf Hitler launched the Battle of the Bulge.

At that point, Dick's 2nd Battalion was married with a Regiment of the 7th Armored Divi-

sion to form what became known as "Task Force Seitz." It was pushed in to plug the gaps on the north slope of the "Bulge" every time the Germans tried to make a breakout. In doing so, his battalion went from 691 men to 380 through combat losses in some of the worst fighting of the second World War. The battalion went on from the "Bulge" to see even further bloody combat in the subsequent battles of the Huertigen Forest.

Before shipping out to Europe, Dick and Bettie continued to see each other whenever they had a chance to do so. In 1942, after graduating from Kansas State, Bettie joined the Red Cross and was subsequently sent to England in late 1943 to support the bomber groups of the Army Air Corp's 8th Air Force. In the fall of 1944, she was moved to Holland to run an Army rest and rehabilitation center. There, in January 1945, she read in Stars and Stripes that Task Force Seitz was heavily engaged in the fighting around St. Vith. By herself, she drove from Holland to the front in Belgium and managed to find the Regimental HQ of the 517th. But they would not allow her to go onto the very front lines where Dick was. However, this put them back in personal touch which led to their marriage in June 1945 in Joigny, France with one Red Cross bridesmaid and 1,800 paratroopers in attendance in one of the greatest love stories of the war.

Dick ended the war with the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart plus, besides his Parachute Wings, what he most treasured—the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Thereafter, during his lifelong Army career including nearly 37 years of active duty he also received numerous other decorations and awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and the French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor. Along with these awards, his commands included the 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Regiment and the 82nd Airborne Division, which he led into Detroit and Washington, DC in 1967 to quell those cities' riots. He also commanded the XVIII Airborne Corps and was Chief of Staff U.S. Army Vietnam in 1965 through 1967 under General Westmoreland. As a Portuguese speaker he served two tours in Brazil, the last as Chief of the Joint U.S./Brazilian Military Commission and one year in Iran as a military advisor. He likewise served in Japan with the occupation forces immediately after World War II.

Dick and Bettie retired to Junction City in 1975. Unfortunately, Bettie died of a heart attack June 1, 1978. Thereafter, Dick was blessed to marry Virginia Crane, a widow, in 1980. She also predeceased him in 2006. In retirement, Dick remained extremely active with the Army through Ft. Riley as well as in the Junction City Community and in Kansas generally. During the Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars he would go out to Ft. Riley to see off and greet the deploying and redeploying units from those fights, no matter the hour day or night. He was past Chairman of the Ft. Riley National Bank, very active with the Coronado Council of the Boy Scouts, a Trustee of St. John's Military Academy, on the Board of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, President of the Fort Riley-Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, and Chaired Junction City's Economic Redevelopment Study Commission among many other activities. He was also honored as an Outstanding Citizen of Kansas, received the prestigious

AUSA Creighton Abrams Award, and most recently had the General Richard J. Seitz Elementary School named in his honor on the post at Ft. Riley. He felt a particular affection for the faculty and students of that school whom he visited as often as he could. The best way to describe Dick is that he lived his life "Airborne all the way!" to the very end.

Last year my family and I had the privilege to meet General Dick Seitz when he served as the Grand Marshal at the Independence Day parade in Junction City. I quickly came to understand why General Seitz was admired by so many. Not only was he revered for his extraordinary military service, but also for the care, generosity and affection he offered others throughout his life. General Seitz epitomized what it means when people refer to his generation as "The Greatest Generation."

WAYZATA BOYS WIN STATE  
TENNIS TITLE

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Wayzata Boys Tennis Team, which recently won the Boys Minnesota State High School Tennis Championship title.

The team had a phenomenal season. After finishing second the past two years, this victory—which marks Wayzata's first boys tennis state title since becoming part of the Class 2A division—was especially rewarding. And everyone can honestly say it was a team effort, with freshman Nicholas Beaty securing the championship for the team and senior Dustin Britton, who was forced to sit out the previous season with a shoulder injury, ending his high school career with a win and a team state title.

Their dedication included running miles even after victorious matches and shoveling off the courts during our frigid and extended Minnesota winter. Their success this season is a tribute to their unparalleled determination, one that I am sure they will continue to display in all aspects of their lives.

It is truly an honor to congratulate and represent these hard-working student-athletes. Go Trojans!

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR SIX WEEKS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROGRAM

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Six Weeks to Make a Difference program.

These dedicated volunteers for Six Weeks to Make a Difference program helped seven conservation projects from March 16 through April 27 at local natural areas. Many of the families volunteered at several of the sites. Through the projects, they improved trails, disposed of tons of debris, tires and invasive plants, planted over 1000 trees and bushes, corrected erosion problems, and left our community better than the way they found it.