

School, Master Sergeant Landsberry moved directly into harm's way to protect his students and others from danger. He was fatally shot. This patriot leaves behind a legacy of self-sacrifice and service to his country and community.

Master Sergeant Landsberry was an Alabama native, a graduate of McQueen High School, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a University of Nevada Reno alumnus, and a decorated master sergeant Nevada Guard airman. In 2001, Master Sergeant Landsberry enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard and subsequently began working for the Washoe County School District. He began his teaching career at Trainer Middle School, where he spent 4 years teaching history, math, and science. In 2006, he started teaching math at Sparks Middle School. Throughout his tenure as a teacher, Master Sergeant Landsberry served as a coach in his community for middle school basketball, cross country, track, and volleyball, as well as high school soccer. He was a passionate teacher, coach, and mentor who touched the lives of his students and those in the community each and every day.

In 2006, Master Sergeant Landsberry deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, where he performed duties as an airlift validator for the Central Command Deployment and Distribution Center. He deployed again in 2011 to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan, executing air transportation functions for the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron. Throughout his career, Master Sergeant Landsberry was extensively decorated, signifying his strong work ethic and commitment to service.

Today, I also want to recognize and express my gratitude to Master Sergeant Landsberry's family. The sacrifices of our servicemembers and their families are debts that can never fully be repaid. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his wife, Sharon, and his two daughters, Alisa and Andrea. This tragedy is one that all of us struggle to understand, but we will continue to remember Master Sergeant Landsberry as a great and honorable man and father. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of a courageous patriot whose act of heroism cost him his life but saved many more.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

GREATER NEW BRITAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

• Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce.

Founded in 1913, the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce has been the business voice of New Britain, CT, for 100 years. Throughout its existence, the Chamber has tirelessly encouraged the growth and success of the manufac-

turing, medical, and, more recently, high-tech sectors of the local economy. It has provided area businesses with numerous opportunities to market themselves, increase their customer base, network with prospective business partners, cut costs, and share best practices. As New Britain's population growth soared during the first half of the 20th century, the Chamber also actively embraced diversity, helping to ensure that immigrant entrepreneurs had the necessary support and resources to open countless new businesses throughout the city.

New Britain, CT, has had a long and storied industrial history. By 1913, New Britain manufacturers were producing more than 300 kinds of products, and the community had become known as the "The Hardware City." For the past 100 years, the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce has helped to build upon that proud industrial legacy. As a result, in reflection of its century-long dedication to the businesses of New Britain and the region, I am proud to honor the 100-year anniversary of the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce, its commitment to serving its member companies, and the important role it has played advancing the welfare of the community at large.●

WORLD WAR II VETERANS VISIT

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Honor Flight South Alabama, a truly great branch of a great organization which is dedicated to bringing our World War II veterans to their memorial in Washington, DC.

Honor Flight South Alabama has brought over 1,000 veterans and their companions to the World War II Memorial created in their honor and located in Washington, DC. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home.

They are truly a remarkable breed of patriots. They endured and survived the biggest war in the history of the world, and deserve such a great memorial in their honor. This Nation owes a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices of these Americans, who left their families and lives behind to go "fight the good fight."

The veterans I have spoken to are so positive and enjoy the visit so much. It is remarkable. To be recognized this way has meant so much to them. I have taken great pleasure in having the chance to share in the fellowship of these veterans.

As in any great organization, there are many wonderful leaders who should be recognized. I wish to take a moment to appreciate a few of the directors of Honor Flight South Alabama.

Ms. Margaret Coley, the Director of Volunteer Activities and School Support Systems, had the responsibility of the in-flight mail call program and

Welcome Home Ticker Tape parade at Mobile Airport.

COL Pat Downing, the Director of Guardian Training, was charged with the most responsible position on the team, that of presenting an in-depth safety training program to all guardians, thereby allaying any fear on the part of the families in releasing their loved ones for flight day.

Ms. Ann Eubanks, the director of the Medical Support Staff for Springhill Hospital, who was in charge of coordination of comprehensive medical support for our WWII veterans.

Ms. Tina McGrath, the director of Administration, who organized and documented all of the administrative and financial information for the Honor Flight Program.

COL John New, the director of Security, who organized all of the security arrangements between Mobile Regional and Washington Reagan airports and served as the liaison with the National Park Service for all memorials.

CDR Pete Riehm, the director of Operations, who designed, organized, and maintained order for every phase of Honor Flight South Alabama activities.

Finally, Dr. Barry L. Booth, the director of the Veteran-Guardian Program, who coordinated the assignment of all veterans and guardians and assisted in fund-raising activities.

Without these patriotic men and women stepping up to organize this wonderful program, many of the WWII veterans in the region would not have had the opportunity to visit their capital and see the memorial they so richly deserve. I am grateful to all of those who contributed to the Honor Flight programs throughout the country and to those veterans who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BENJAMIN

• Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, one of the great natural treasures of my State, and of our Nation, is Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Underneath the Guadalupe Mountains, in southeastern New Mexico, lies one of the most spectacular caverns in the world. Will Rogers famously called it "the Grand Canyon with a roof on it."

Since 2004, the park has been well served by Superintendent John Benjamin. I rise today to congratulate John on his retirement after 45 years with the National Park Service.

John's tenure with the Park Service has been a remarkable journey, and he has served with distinction every step of the way. He graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in resource management and a master's degree in forestry. He then began his career at NPS in 1968 as a park naturalist at Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado and Utah.

For over four decades, John has been an exemplary public servant at America's greatest wilderness and recreation