

Several of these 2011 inductees are well-loved for touching their communities through a wide range of public leadership initiatives. Samuel Beamon, Sr., Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter, and Richard Rampone served in Vietnam in the U.S. Marine Corps. Samuel Beamon, Sr. was honored for his exceptional work with the Young Marines Program in Waterbury, CT and as past commandant of the Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League, as well as his esteemed legacy as lieutenant of the Waterbury Police Department. Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter has been recognized as a constant source of spiritual guidance as pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Mystic; in addition, he is founder and president of the Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, MASH, which gives temporary shelter and counseling to families—especially those with children—who are struggling in this tough economy. Richard Rampone, who worked to protect his community as Patrolman for the Berlin Police Department, is the State commandant of the Marine Corps League Department of Connecticut, whose mission is to assist marines entering civilian life.

Many of our honorees participate in more than one organization, dedicating a vast amount of time to helping servicemembers and veterans. Ronald Catania, who served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam, has given countless hours to numerous groups, including the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Connecticut Veterans Memorial, Connecticut National Guard during the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the American Red Cross, and the Special Olympics. On September 11, he worked the day after the attacks to transport donated goods to Ground Zero for emergency responders. Burke Ross, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, has been a fervent supporter and participant of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, MOPH, volunteers at the West Haven VA Medical Facility, and for the past 25 years has planned the annual Memorial Day Services and Parade in the Derby-Shelton area; in 2001, he was selected as the Disabled American Veteran, DAV, of the Year for his more than 30 years as an officer and then chaplain to his local DAV chapter.

The civic dedication of a number of these inductees spans decades. John Chiarella, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea and Vietnam, has spent 10 years ensuring that Waterbury-area students have an education in our patriotic traditions, including developing a program called Forever Wave, whose mission is to instruct on the flag salute. He is also known for his role as chairman of the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee. U.S. Army veteran Phillip Kraft has been a voice for veterans' benefits as an instructor at the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW, annual conference. Also, for many

years, Mr. Kraft has watched over burial services and maintained the upkeep of the Spring Grove Cemetery in Darian, where approximately 1,500 veterans have been laid to rest, and also takes the lead as CEO of the National Veterans Services Fund. Honoree Ronald Perry, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, has been a solid support system for the Meriden, CT, Marine community, speaking out on behalf of several veterans associations, including the Marine Corps League of Meriden, and arranging the birthday celebrations of Meriden-area Marine Corps veterans.

The remaining two Connecticut veterans honored in 2011, Dr. Madelon Baranoski and Harold Farrington, have used the skills and experiences they developed in a professional capacity to positively affect the military and veterans communities of Connecticut. After serving in Vietnam in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, Dr. Baranoski has compiled research on the physiological consequences of stress to foster greater understanding about the mental conditions of veterans in our communities and to help reform the criminal justice system. She is currently an associate professor of psychiatry and the vice chair of the Human Investigation Committee at Yale University School of Medicine. Harold Farrington, Jr., has spent 30 years helping veterans and their families navigate the bureaucracy and reap the benefits of government programs as an employee of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In an article for New London's *The Day*, Mr. Farrington candidly captured the emotions he felt as a 2011 Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee: Having dedicated his life to service, he acknowledged that "to know my work is being recognized is very rewarding."

I hope this honor from the State of Connecticut will start to reflect and manifest the pride felt by the family, friends, and fellow veterans of these inductees. It gives me great pride to laud these courageous and selfless individuals who have not hesitated to serve and sacrifice in and out of uniform. To them, I say with gratitude: Today, your country publicly recognizes your contributions and deep, heartfelt commitment to our U.S. veterans.

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, building a family is an exciting milestone in the lives of millions of American families. Unfortunately, the road towards conceiving a child is often difficult and painful for the nearly 7 million Americans diagnosed with the disease of infertility.

This week, men and women across the country will share their stories during National Infertility Awareness Week. This movement, organized by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, brings attention to the dis-

ease of infertility and encourages the public to take charge of their reproductive health. Let me take this opportunity to commend RESOLVE for its work providing community and giving voice to women and men experiencing infertility.

Over the last few decades, significant medical advancements, such as in vitro fertilization, have provided a solution for some would be parents. However, the high cost to undergo infertility care often poses an additional barrier for couples to overcome. It costs more than \$12,000 for a couple to undergo one cycle of infertility treatment, and insurance coverage is often dismal. For some patients, multiple cycles are required to achieve a successful pregnancy outcome. Federal Government insurance plans do not specifically cover infertility treatments, and only 15 States offer any level of coverage.

I have introduced a bill that would alleviate some of the costs associated with infertility care. The Family Act, S. 965 creates a Federal tax credit for individuals who are diagnosed with infertility by a licensed physician. A tax credit will help make this vital patient care more accessible and affordable to those who lack insurance coverage for these services.

I hope you will join me during National Infertility Awareness Week and become a cosponsor of the Family Act. This is a necessary step towards ensuring that all of our citizens have the ability to raise a family, without compromising their financial future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LOST AT SEA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I speak in memory of five extraordinary sailors who recently died at sea during a boat race off the coast of California.

On Saturday, April 15, the sailing vessel *Low Speed Chase* was one of 49 boats participating in the Full Crew Farallones Race, which has been run annually from San Francisco to the Farallon Islands and back since 1907. As the yacht rounded an island, it was broadsided by huge waves and crashed onto the rocks.

Three sailors survived and were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard. Tragically, the lives of five others—Alexis Busch, Alan Cahill, Jordan Fromm, Marc Kasanin, and Elmer Morrissey—were lost.

Alexis Busch, who as a teenager had been a beloved batgirl for the San Francisco Giants, managed the Ross Valley Swim and Tennis Club and crewed in sailing races from San Francisco Bay to Australia. Her longtime boyfriend and sailing partner, Nick Vos, was one of the survivors on the *Low Speed Chase*.

Alan Cahill was a married father of two children and a master marine craftsman who served as caretaker for