

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 09/30/98—Continued

Senators	FY98 official mail allocation	Total pieces	Pieces per capita	Total cost	Cost per capita
Murray	78,894	121,500	0.02366	21,864.80	0.00426
Nickles	58,636	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reed	33,982	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reid	41,146	60,000	0.04521	6,851.93	0.00516
Robb	86,917	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roberts	48,952	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rockefeller	42,197	132,476	0.07311	25,456.09	0.01405
Roth	31,373	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santorum	137,173	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sarbanes	72,320	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sessions	66,267	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shelby	66,267	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith, Gordon	56,470	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith, Robert	35,844	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Snowe	37,296	3,757	0.00304	1,213.61	0.00098
Specter	137,173	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stevens	30,301	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thomas	29,313	5,209	0.01118	3,617.97	0.00776
Thompson	76,654	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thurmond	60,001	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Torricelli	95,810	34,378	0.00441	31,463.88	0.00404
Warner	86,917	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wellstone	67,502	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyden	56,470	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

VET CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS) within the Department of Veterans Affairs recently named five Vet Centers—from 206 across the country—as “Vet Centers of Excellence.” I note with great pride that the Morgantown Vet Center, in my State of West Virginia, was one of the Vet Centers selected for this distinguished award.

RCS Vet Centers, mandated by Congress in 1979, are community-based service centers staffed by highly qualified professionals. Vet Center services include individual and group counseling, family/marital counseling, sexual trauma counseling, substance abuse counseling, vocational and employment assistance, VA claims and benefits information, help for the homeless, and social service and health care referrals. They provide readjustment counseling to combat veterans and their families—veterans who served during Vietnam, Korea, and World War II—as well as veterans involved in combat hostilities in Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf.

Mr. President, many veterans suffer from psychological injuries as a result of their service in the Armed Forces, especially service in combat. But unlike those injuries that can be bandaged, sewn, or cast, psychological battle wounds are typically unseen and left untreated. Many veterans struggle for years to find peace within themselves, often turning to VA for help years after they’ve come home from war.

So, the work being done at our Vet Centers is enormously important. And Vet Center services become even more vital when they are the only VA presence for hundreds of miles, as is the case in some parts of the country.

The criteria used in selecting the “Vet Centers of Excellence” included quality of clinical care, administrative management, outreach to high-risk veteran populations, and cost effectiveness.

I am truly delighted that the Morgantown Vet Center has been recog-

nized among those which best represent the spirit and mission of RCS. The Morgantown Vet Center catchment area is mostly rural, with a widely dispersed population covering 16 counties in North Central West Virginia and two counties in Pennsylvania. Since opening its doors in 1982, it has provided service to over 7,000 veterans. To the Morgantown Vet Center staff—Johnny Bragg, Melody Johns, Ronald Jones, and Sandra Calvert—I say thank you for a job well done, and for always going above and beyond what is required in your positions. I am very proud of you.

In addition, I congratulate the staff of the other Vet Centers selected as “Vet Centers of Excellence”—Vista, California; Tucson, Arizona; Atlanta, Georgia; and White River Junction, Vermont.

But I also want to note my appreciation for the other Vet Centers in West Virginia, and those others around the country. All provide a vital service—in many cases, literally a lifeline to troubled vets. I am reminded of the many times my Senate staffers have contacted a Vet Center employee somewhere in the country after hearing from a veteran in crisis—or a family member—and been able to secure the help needed to avert an emergency. And I am reminded of the number of veterans and family members in my State of West Virginia who tell me how positively their lives have changed after contact with a Vet Center.

So, to all 206 Vet Centers and the dedicated staff who work there—your good deeds have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work. Our Nation’s combat veterans are lucky to have you, and I am enormously proud of what you have been able to accomplish.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD K. BOYD

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dick Boyd, who will retire at the end of October after 32 years of service to the Westvaco Corporation. For over thirty years, Dick has helped establish Westvaco and the Fine Papers mill into

fixtures of Wickliffe, Kentucky. Though not originally from Kentucky, Dick became a valued member of the Wickliffe community, raised his family there and continues to have close ties to Kentucky.

In 1966, Dick joined Westvaco as the Assistant Public Relations Manager at the Fine Papers Division in Luke, Maryland. The next year, Westvaco announced that Wickliffe, Kentucky would be the site of a new \$80 million mill. It was while assisting in the public relations details of this announcement that Dick began his long association with the community of Wickliffe. Later that year, Dick, his wife Malinda and their two daughters moved to Wickliffe. Dick became Public Relations Manager for Fine Papers in 1970.

Dick held that job until 1988. During that time, he played an integral role as the Fine Papers mill became the bedrock of the Wickliffe community. After a brief stint during 1988 in the Kentucky State Government as Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, Dick returned to Westvaco as Regional Public Affairs Manager, a position he held until 1991. At that time he moved to Washington to become Westvaco’s Director of Public Affairs, a position he continues to hold today.

Since the 1966 announcement that the plant would be built in Western Kentucky, Westvaco has spent more than half a billion dollars to create a state-of-the-art papermaking facility in Wickliffe. Today, Westvaco employs over 750 men and women in Kentucky, and makes an annual contribution of \$134 million to the local economy. The growth of the mill and the company’s great relationship with the community are a legacy of Dick’s career at Westvaco and his 24 years in Kentucky.

Mr. President, I have worked closely with Dick on several issues of great importance to both Westvaco and my constituents in the Wickliffe area. His hard work and dedication have allowed Westvaco to become an important part of the Wickliffe community. I have enjoyed working with him, thank him for all his efforts on behalf of Westvaco