

In 1982, following a short stint as noncommissioned officer in charge, NCOIC, of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, TFWC Command Section, then-Staff Sergeant Coy was selected for assignment to the USAF "Thunderbirds" Aerial Demonstration Team, where he performed duties as NCOIC of Thunderbird administration. After attaining the rank of technical sergeant in 6 years, he received his commission through Officers Training School (OTS) in 1984.

Following OTS graduation, Lieutenant Colonel Coy completed Minuteman III training at Vandenberg AFB, CA, as a "Top Performer," and was assigned to the 320th Strategic Missile Squadron at F.E. Warren, AFB, WY. He performed duties as a standardization and evaluation missileer, and following his upgrade to crew commander, was selected to become the aide-de-camp for then BG Arlen D. Jameson, commander of the 4th Air Division. This job took him back to Vandenberg AFB as aide-de-camp and executive officer for Maj. General Jameson at the 1st Aerospace Division. In January 1990, he was selected as one of Strategic Air Command's top missileers for assignments to the TOP HAND Program. Lieutenant Colonel Coy served as launch director and test manager, and was involved in 20 Minuteman III and Peacekeeper test launches.

In June 1992, he was selected as part of the initial cadre of personnel in the newly established Headquarters Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, VA, where he served in the deputy chief of staff, Plans and Programs as chief of the ICBM Plans Section. When the ICBM mission moved to Colorado Springs, CO, at the Air Force Space Command in June 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Coy became the force applications mission area planner for the Directorate of Plans. In June 1966, he moved to the 21st Space Wing Plans Office where he became the chief of the Future Systems Branch. His office was responsible for SBIRS planning, the Clear Radar Upgrade, and conducted planning in support of National Missile Defense and other programs totaling over \$14 billion.

He was then selected for assignment to the Joint Staff J-3 Defense Space Operations Division, DSOD, in December 1997. Lieutenant Colonel Coy assumed his duties in the Theater Missile and Air Defense branch, which included the National Missile Defense program, and participated in development of a common operating picture for the warfighter. He was also a qualified space surveillance officer in the National Military Command Center.

In 1998, Lieutenant Colonel Coy was selected as one of nine Air Force legislative fellows, and served as my Air Force fellow in my Washington, DC office. He worked defense issues, specifically space issues. His insight and knowledge was invaluable as a new member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In November 1999, he returned to the Pentagon as the chief of legislative affairs for the United States Joint Forces Command, where he advocated JFCOM programs on Capitol Hill. In July 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Coy was given the additional responsibilities as the director of the Washington Liaison Office, and U.S. liaison officer to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. On November 1, 2002, he assumed his current position as the chief of the Congressional Inquiry Branch.

A master space and missile operator, Lieutenant Colonel Coy's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters. Additionally, he was awarded the Colorado Meritorious Service Medal by the Adjutant General, Colorado National Guard.

Tim was married for 20 years to the late Barbara L. Suiter and has two children; Brian, a sophomore at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, and Laura, a senior at Woodbridge Senior High School. He has proven himself to be a top officer, loving husband, and a caring father. I am very proud to call Tim "one of my own" and wish him the best as he moves on to his next journey.●

#### PAUL STACKE

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize Paul Stacke, a widely respected figure of Minnesota radio who is retiring today after 48 years in the business.

Paul began his broadcasting career in 1955. Since that time, he has worked at radio stations in cities throughout Minnesota, including Albany, Morris, Duluth, and St. Cloud, where he was a member of the award-winning news staff of AM 1240 WJON.

While he has had a few different responsibilities over the years, Paul's most notable contribution was at WJON as the station's political reporter. In this position, Paul brought the latest to his listeners by covering the senators, governors, and State and local leaders in Minnesota politics and asking them the tough questions people wanted answered.

Paul also brought national politics back home through interviews with political figures who serve the people here in Washington, from a speaker of the House to a President of the United States.

There are many people in the media who have the skills to take themselves to a successful career. Paul is qualified in this way, but he is also more. Besides being a professional, Paul is genuine.

Bringing this quality into an interview is what makes him a one-and-only. In doing so, he compels the people he is interviewing to show the same side of themselves.

In interviews with political leaders, the result is that his listeners got to hear the "real" person who represents them.

This is why Paul is a respected man in Minnesota, and why his contribution to Minnesota radio will be missed. The entire State of Minnesota—especially the St. Cloud area—was fortunate to have him on the air.

Unfortunately, our work here in the Senate keeps me from attending his retirement party this evening back in St. Cloud, MN. But if I were in attendance there tonight—among Paul, his wife Carol, and his family, friends, and colleagues—I would thank him for his inestimable contribution to keeping me and so many other Minnesotans informed.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MEASURES REFERRED—September 29, 2003

The following bill was reported from Committee and referred as follows:

S. 150. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4412. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations: Penalty Guidelines and Other Procedural Regulations" (RIN2137-AD71) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4413. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Approval Program for Certain Persons Performing Visual Requalifications of DOT Specification Cylinders; Extension of Compliance Date" (RIN2137-AD86) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4414. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation,