

his family and friends in Ogallala, but Captain Ford will also be remembered for the shining example of patriotism, dedication and commitment that he set as a brave member of the Marines.●

SPI JAMES WOLF

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of SPI James Wolf, a member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52nd Engineer Battalion of the 43rd Area Support Group.

Specialist Wolf stopped in to visit the students at the Lincoln Heights Elementary School in Scottsbluff, NE when he was home on leave just a few short weeks ago. He wanted to thank all the students who had written letters to him while he was in Iraq and he told them how the letters they had written lifted his spirits and how he shared their letters with soldiers around him who did not receive any mail of their own.

He recently returned to Iraq where he was performing valuable work rebuilding schools, homes, and providing safe drinking water. Tragically, he was killed on November 6, 2003 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his truck convoy.

His death was a blow to the Scottsbluff community where he was remembered as a young man with a lot of spunk and someone who wanted to make a difference. He is the son of Bob and Chris Wolf of Scottsbluff. His mother said of him, "He was very proud of what he did. He talked about making it a career, and he had such a sense of purpose. It was awesome just to hear him." James' sister Rachel, a 2003 graduate of Scottsbluff High, informed the school of her brother's death. Kirk Begley, principal at Scottsbluff High, said it was a "sad, sad day when we had to let the staff know." Begley said James Wolf was "just an all around great kid and was adamant about being a soldier."

Specialist First Class Wolf will be missed greatly by his family and friends and the entire Scottsbluff community. He will also be remembered as a soldier whose patriotism inspired his community. I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the Wolf family and I know all Nebraskans join me in remembering and honoring James' contributions to Scottsbluff and his sacrifice on behalf of his country.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the 250 outstanding Vermonters who served in the 10th Mountain Division during World War II. I want to commend the Vermont Ski Museum for recognizing the significant contributions of these exceptional men by inducting them into the Ski Hall of Fame.

As a fellow veteran who grew up in the era of World War II, I remember President Roosevelt's call for volunteers. It came as no surprise that when

the military asked for skiers, trappers, and woodsmen to serve in the 10th Division, many of those who responded to the call of duty were from our own Green Mountain State. For a young boy in Rutland, VT, these men were my heroes.

The 10th Mountain Division distinguished itself in fighting on the island of Kiska in Alaska and in the mountains of Italy. Recently we have been reminded of the effectiveness of these soldiers on skis. At a time when modern weapons and sophisticated technology seemed to overshadow the 10th Division's skills, recent conflicts in Afghanistan and other parts of the world have shown us that much of war boils down to human fortitude and a single man against the elements. Modern warfare has not proven to be more effective than the 10th Mountain Division when it comes to fighting in these extreme elements over rugged terrain. We are coming back to basics, and hopefully military planners will never doubt the necessity of divisions with skills like the 10th as part of our national defense.

After the war, many of the veterans of the 10th Mountain Division came home to leave their mark on the ski industry. Vermont was no exception, and the ski industry has flourished here due in part to the passion these individuals have for skiing. They are indeed members of the Greatest Generation and their selfless contributions are evident throughout our State.

I applaud the Ski Museum for acknowledging your individual sacrifices, your defense of our country and your contributions to skiing. It is a privilege for me to join the many others in honoring each of you. You continue to be my heroes.

#### THE ARMED FORCES RELIEF TRUST

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an important program that significantly assists our men and women who are fighting abroad.

The war on terrorism is being fought on many fronts and around the world. Today, there are more than 140,000 troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many more around the world.

Many of these troops served in Afghanistan only to be almost immediately redeployed to fight in Iraq. These extended deployments have been trying for those left behind. But they have stepped up and met the challenge. They have answered the Nation's call with enthusiasm and dedication.

In Colorado, the large deployment from Ft. Carson has shown just how difficult it can be for many military families when our troops must be sent abroad. While the military is dedicated to taking care of its own, the current situation abroad means needs of the family will only continue to escalate.

To address this, the four relief agencies representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force recently

combined into one umbrella relief organization in order to better provide assistance.

The National Association of Broadcasters and its 1,000 television station and 6,000 radio station members recently produced and disturbed Public Service Announcements that encourage viewers and listeners to contribute to the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

Broadcasters have a long history of involvement in this country's national security. I commend them for dedicating airtime to this worthwhile cause.

Last year, together, the four relief agencies distributed \$109 million to military families in need. I am confident that by streamlining operations into one entity and with help from local broadcast stations to get the word out, the Armed Forces Relief Trust will be able to assist even more military families.

We are counting on our brave young men and women in the field. They are relying on the Armed Forces Relief Trust, and the trust is counting on local broadcast stations. Local radio and television stations are performing an invaluable public service through this program, and I salute them.

Since today is Veterans Day, I also salute those who have already experienced the hardships of war much like those currently stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. I believe the most important thing we can do for our veterans is say thank you for their service and sacrifice to our country.

#### NFL MILITARY AWARENESS INITIATIVE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, on this Veterans Day I recognize a military public awareness initiative that Mr. K. S., Bud, Adams, the founder and owner of our NFL Tennessee Titans, played a strong role in instituting this past weekend. Mr. Adams, a U.S. Naval Officer during World War II, and five other National Football League owners who also served in the military during that same time, urged NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue to launch this campaign to help the hundreds of American families of our brave military servicemen and women who have died for our country in the line of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. Mr. Adams and his fellow NFL owners urged NFL headquarters to initiate an awareness campaign at NFL stadiums and on NFL game telecasts starting Veterans Day Weekend, November 9-11, to help bring attention to the difficult financial situation that our military dependents face in the days and weeks immediately after a serviceman's or woman's death in the Middle East.

The other five NFL owners who served during World War II are Tom Benson, New Orleans Saints; Wellington Mara, New York Giants; Art Modell, Baltimore Ravens; Alex Spanos, San Diego Chargers; and Ralph Wilson, Buffalo Bills.