

Paladin artillery system and the High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle, better known as the HUMVEE.

Following high-level logistics assignments overseas and stateside, he assumed the first of three command assignments that would culminate in his selection for flag officer and his ascension to the top of the Defense Contract Management Agency.

In the mid-1990s, as commander of the defense contract management office in Syracuse, he oversaw the performance of contracts associated with a number of large systems, including the Seawolf Submarine, the C-17 aircraft, and the Javelin anti-tank missile system. A few years later, Ed returned to his home State, serving as the director of Defense Contract Management Command's eastern district headquarters in Boston. There, with a dispersed workforce of 6,000 and more than 20 field offices, he and his staff managed nearly all the defense contracts performed in the eastern United States.

Since assuming leadership of the Defense Contract Management Agency, DCMA, in February 2001, Brigadier General Harrington has refashioned and expanded DoD's acquisition-management mission, and in so doing, has affirmed DCMA's standing as one of DoD's premiere combat support agencies. Today, DCMA carries out its responsibilities around the globe at sites as diverse as a circuit board manufacturer in Silicon Valley to a combat theater in the Middle East.

Ed Harrington's compassion and distinct style of leadership were dramatically brought to the fore following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, in which one of his DCMA colleagues, Herb Homer of Milford, MA, perished while on official travel aboard United Airlines Flight 175 that crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. With compassion and grace, Ed went above and beyond his duty to comfort and console the Homer family, and assist Herb's widow, Karen, in dealing with the administrative complexities following the death of her husband. Thanks to the efforts of Ed Harrington, the memory of Herb Homer and the recognition of his sacrifice will long endure as an inspiration to thousands throughout the DoD acquisition community.

Whether he was on a muddy ridge as an infantryman, at the front of a college lecture hall, on a contractor's plant floor, or at the side of a grieving family, BG Edward M. Harrington served his country with valor, loyalty, and integrity. On the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army, I offer thanks and congratulations to one of New England's finest, and wish him and his wife, Jane, well in their future pursuits.●

RECOGNIZING RUSSELL C. SCHOOLS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize Russell C.

Schools of Capron, VA, upon his retirement this year from the Virginia Peanut Growers Association.

Throughout his long career as a peanut farmer, Russell C. Schools has made numerous contributions to his field of work, dedicating his time and efforts to improve and promote the peanut industry, specifically in Virginia. Perhaps his most impressive achievement was the 34 years he spent as the executive secretary of the Virginia Peanut Association. Recently, Mr. Schools was inducted into the American Peanut Council's Peanut Hall of Fame, a fitting tribute to his outstanding career in the peanut industry.

Mr. President, I commend Russell C. Schools for the hard work and dedication that he has demonstrated throughout his distinguished career. He is a great Virginian and a great American and I wish him well in his retirement.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TRIBUTE TO JULIE ELLIS LEMOULT

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Julie Ellis LeMoult, an extraordinary young woman from Bethesda, MD.

This past spring, Julie Ellis LeMoult, loyal, compassionate, understanding and forgiving friend passed away far too early at the age of 28. Her death has dimmed the light of all who knew her: her husband, Chris LeMoult; her parents, Bruce and Donna Ellis; her sisters, Sheri DeLorenzo, Andrea Lynch and Christiane Ellis, and her many, many friends in Bethesda and all across the country.

Julie is irreplaceable. She dedicated her short life to maintaining and exalting humankind by paying tribute to each person's individual gifts. Above all, Julie was always selfless and strived to draw on and draw out the best in everyone she met.

The third of four children and the daughter of an entrepreneur who catered to kings, queens, presidents, diplomats, charitable causes and private social functions, Julie was raised in Bethesda, MD and attend Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

In December 1996, Julie graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University where she received a business degree in 3½ years while playing lacrosse. She excelled in her academics through fortitude and perseverance, overcoming a childhood struggle with dyslexia. Her self-esteem remained intact because of her athletic abilities, providing her swimming, diving, basketball, softball and lacrosse teams with the highest excellence of leadership and sportsmanship. Julie's stride and form as a runner exhibited her most memorable style of athletic grace.

In 1997, Julie worked for Hambrecht and Quist in San Francisco before re-

turning to Maryland to join Discovery Communications where she was an invaluable member of its corporate affairs and communications department.

As an adult, Julie became a knowledgeable resource for many people experiencing panic and anxiety disorders and was able to recommend The Ross Center of Washington, DC, and the Midwest Center for Anxiety, Stress and Depression to those who sought her counsel.

Julie Katherine Ellis married Christopher M. LeMoult of Cape Code, MA, in September 2001. She delivered their baby boy, Logan Donnelly, in April 2003. Her life as a mother allowed her to be with her son for only 8 hours before unknown complications took her life.

In addition to her beautiful smile and peaceful nature, Julie's greatest legacies are her son Logan and her ability to open up her heart unconditionally to family, friends, acquaintances and strangers alike in the hope of making their lives better while expecting nothing in return.

The sorrow over Julie's loss is accompanied by the abundance of joy that exists in the memories her family and friends share, her life that they celebrate and her love that will live on. At Thanksgiving and always, Julie's parents, sisters, husband, son, family, friends and colleagues are grateful for the brilliance of her life. Julie Ellis LeMoult will never be forgotten.●

CONTRATULATIONS TO JUDITH SPOONER

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Judith Spooner of Louisville, KY on her reception of the Adoption Excellence Award given to her by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Spooner has dedicated her life to helping improve and increase adoptions and foster families in Kentucky. Her devotion to this cause was put to great work during her time at the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. She has done a wonderful public service through her innovative efforts to increase the number of adoptive families in Kentucky. She has also been instrumental in setting up area support groups for foster and adoptive parents. Although she retired in March of 2003, we are all very lucky that she will continue to spend some of her time with AdoptUSKids, a nonprofit group that helps match waiting children with adoptive families.

The citizens of Kentucky are fortunate to have the leadership of Judith Spooner. Her example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth.

She has my most sincere appreciation for this work and I look forward to her continued service to Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ALFRED C. ANDERSON

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Alfred C. Anderson, who ends 28 years of service as the treasurer for Roanoke County in January 2004.

Mr. Anderson is the longest serving treasurer in the history of Roanoke County, first being elected in 1971. He served until 1975 and then resumed the elected post in 1979. He has been Roanoke County's treasurer ever since.

As treasurer, Mr. Anderson helped modernize the office, allowing for on-line payments and computer record keeping. He has distinguished himself and his office, becoming the president of the Treasurer's Association of Virginia in 1986 President of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers and receiving the award for National Treasurer of the Year in 1996, County Republican Official of the Year in 1998 and the Commonwealth's Award in 1997.

Mr. Anderson is a community leader, serving as past chairman of the Roanoke United Methodist Church, past president of the Dogwood Festival and Vinton Lions Club. He currently serves as Chairman of the 6th District Republican party and as a board member on the Blue Ridge Education and Training Council.

Alfred Anderson is a graduate of East Tennessee State University. He and his wife Ann live in Vinton, VA and have two children.

Mr. Anderson has left an indelible mark on his office and his community. I congratulate him and wish him well on his retirement.●

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TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I extend my appreciation to my fall 2003 class of interns: Dennis O'Connor, Melissa Hall, Jason Eaton, Theresa Fruher, and Natalie Dupcher. Each of them has been a tremendous help to me and to the people of Iowa over the past several months. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Since I was first elected into the Senate in 1984, my office has offered internships each fall to young Iowans and other interested students. Through their work in the Senate, our interns have not only seen the legislative process at work, but they also have personally contributed to our Nation's democracy.

It is with much appreciation that I recognize Dennis, Melissa, Jason, Theresa, and Natalie for their hard work this fall. It has been a delight to watch them take on their assignments with enthusiasm and hard work. I am very proud to have worked with each of them. I hope they take from their fall a sense of pride in what they have been able to accomplish and an increased interest in public service and our democratic system and process.●

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA BUCKLEY
MOSS

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Patricia Buckley Moss for her outstanding contributions to the advancement of art and education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Moss was born and raised in New York City, where she attended the Washington Irving High School for the Fine Arts. After developing her artistic talents in high school, Ms. Moss received a scholarship to the prestigious Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York. While at Cooper Union, she studied fine arts and graphic design for 4 years.

In 1964, Ms. Moss and her family relocated to Waynesboro, VA. Living in the stunning Shenandoah Valley gave Ms. Moss the opportunity to experience and appreciate the natural beauty of the outdoors, which has played a prominent role in her art ever since. Over the past 40 years, she has created a unique style that is well known by collectors across the globe. Her artistic work eventually led to the creation of the P. Buckley Moss Museum, which opened in Waynesboro, VA, in 1989. This well-known museum in the Shenandoah Valley was created to "permanently record and illuminate the Moss phenomenon through educational exhibitions, lectures, permanent collections and archival files."

During her illustrious artistic career, Ms. Moss has exhibited tremendous dedication to many charitable endeavors. In particular, she has remained committed to various children's charities, with a primary focus on special education programs. In 1986, the P. Buckley Moss Society was created by a group of her most dedicated collectors to facilitate the management of her various charitable activities. This society has grown to over 20,000 members worldwide and uses fundraisers to provide for charitable projects. Among its projects in 1995, the Society created the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education; the mission of this educational foundation is to "promote the integration of the arts into all educational programs, with a special focus on programs for children who learn differently."

Patricia Buckley Moss is an excellent role model for aspiring young artists throughout our country. She has left an indelible mark on her community not only through her art, but also through her charitable work, which has touched the lives of so many, specifically those who are learning impaired. I commend her for her service and wish her continued success in her life.●

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CONGRATULATING AG PRODUCER
OF THE YEAR KIRK CORDES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to publicly congratulate Kirk Cordes of

Rapid City, SD, for receiving the Ag Producer of the Year award at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation banquet.

The Ag Producer of the Year is awarded to one recipient a year who distinguishes themselves in the Agricultural Business Community in South Dakota. The award has been given out since 2001. The award goes to a person who uses the most recent and innovative technology to further advance the agriculture industry for the better.

Kirk Cordes understands the word perseverance. Mr. Cordes was raised on a ranch outside of Elm Springs, SD, where he attended elementary school in a one room school house. After graduating from South Dakota State University in 1970 with a degree in agriculture/business, he worked hard and saved his income. In 1973, the hard work and determination paid off. He bought his mother and father in-law's 6,800 acre ranch, and he and his family have owned and operated the ranch ever since.

Kirk Cordes has been recognized numerous times for his devotion to the agricultural industry in South Dakota. Among his numerous awards, he is a member of various organizations and serves on many boards. He is a past director of the Pennington County Soil Conservation District. He has also been a past director, vice president and State president of the South Dakota section for range management and recipient of Rangeman of the year for South Dakota in 1983. He is a current member of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Rapid City Area Chamber Ag Committee and the Western South Dakota Buckaroos. For the past 10 years, he has been president of the West River/Lyman Jones Rural Water Systems, which is part of the Mni Wiconi Water Project.

After 30 years of ranching, Kirk and his wife Kathy will be turning the ranch over to their son and daughter-in-law.

I am pleased that his agricultural leadership is being publicly recognized and that his achievements will serve as a model for all outstanding agricultural producers throughout the State to emulate. It is with great honor that I share his impressive achievements with my colleagues.●

RECOGNITION OF MARTIN FINKEL

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Martin Finkel, a distinguished doctor and family friend. Dr. Finkel has practiced medicine for over 30 years on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Martin Finkel, M.D., F.A.C.P., P.C., a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, was voted for inclusion in the October edition of the prestigious "Guide to America's Top Physicians."

In designating this distinction, the editors of the Guide noted that Dr.