

RECOGNIZING JAMES HATLER FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Hatler, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Hatler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

10TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN MILITARY  
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the entire Women's Caucus, Co-Chairs LOIS CAPPS and CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS and my co-Vice Chair, MARY FALLIN, to honor four women who have served our Nation with honor and distinction. Today, the 10th Annual Women in Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus, was held at Arlington Cemetery. The purpose is to honor our Nation's servicewomen and women veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember the women who have died in service to the United States of America.

SFC Barbara Clavijo, United States Army, distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Force Protection Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, 4th Infantry Division, Camp Liberty, Iraq from December 2, 2005–November 15, 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While assigned as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, SFC Clavijo was directly responsible for the development and execution of the Division's force protection program. Without hesitation and with great enthusiasm, and despite the inherent threats and dangers, she continuously navigated the MND-B's battle space to conduct vulnerability assessments. These assessments required SFC Clavijo to plan, coordinate, and participate in over 125 ground and air movements in support of these missions. During the course of these assessments she was forced to travel many routes known to be covered with Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs. During one of these assessments she had the unlucky fortune to have her vehicle targeted by an IED. For this

reason she was awarded the Combat Action Badge. Her awards also include the Bronze Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Combat Action Badge. I am truly pleased to honor SFC Barbara Clavijo for her service and dedication.

Master Chief Ann L. Tubbs began her career with the U.S. Coast Guard in July 1980 when she graduated from the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey and was assigned to Coast Guard Station Jonesport in West Jonesport, ME. Later, she was assigned aboard the Coast Guard icebreaker *Glacier* where she made 2 trips to Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. After leaving *Glacier*, Master Chief Tubbs spent 2 years in Mobile, AL., as a small boat engineer running search and rescue boats in the Gulf of Mexico.

In August 2001, she accepted an active duty position in the Office of Reserve Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. In 2002, she advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and was assigned as the Enlisted Gender Policy Advisor to the Commandant. She advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer on January 1, 2005. She assumed her current job as Special Assistant to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard in October of 2006. Master Chief Tubbs' military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal and the Reserve Good Conduct Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal. I am so pleased to recognize Master Chief Tubbs today.

SSGT Cassie L. Lucero began her career with the Marines in 1998. During her career in the Marines, she has been decorated with numerous medals, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and three Sea Service Deployment Awards. It is my pleasure to honor SSGT. Cassie L. Lucero for her service.

CMSGT and Barbara S. Taylor is the Chief of Supply for the United States Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Originally from Kingsport, TN, her military career began in 1982. CMSGT Barbara S. Taylor was assigned to the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. There, she was both a euphonium and vocal soloist. She was the band's Director of Operations from October 1995 until her reassignment to the United States Air Force Band in January 1997. In 1993 and 1996, Chief Taylor was named the Air Combat Command Band's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and in February 1997 she was named the Air Combat Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the band career field. Chief Taylor was also awarded the Commandant's Award at both the Airman Leadership School and the

Noncommissioned Officers Academy. I am so honored to recognize Chief Taylor for her dedication to the United States.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pride that the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues honors these four servicewomen and their extraordinary accomplishments. In a time when our military faces especially difficult challenges both at home and abroad, these four women have shown exceptional courage, ability and loyalty to the Armed Services of the United States of America. They are true shining examples of the numerous women serving in our military today.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CAPTAIN  
PETER CHARLES  
SIGUENZA, USMC (RET)

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Peter Charles Siguenza, United States Marine Corps (Retired), who passed away on May 17, 2007, just two days after his 87th birthday. He was the first Chamorro to be commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps. Peter was also a well known public figure on Guam, and a genuinely fine and honest man who consistently gave of himself in service to his community and his fellow Marines. The outpouring of public condolences and accolades in my home district following the news of Peter's passing is indicative of the respect, admiration, and affection the people of Guam had for Peter and his service to his country.

A person's record of military and community service can be extensive and very impressive, but records do not convey the admiration or depth of emotion of the recipients of the service. Peter C. Siguenza was born on May 15, 1920, the second of nine children born to the late Jose and Consolacion Mendiola Siguenza. He attended Seaton Schroeder Junior High School in Hagåtña and graduated from Coronado High School in Coronado, California. He attended San Diego State College for 2 years, from 1940–1942. After the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into war, Peter, like thousands of young men, enlisted in the Armed Forces. Peter volunteered for the Marine Corps. After completing boot camp, he was assigned to the Third Marine Division. He saw action in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville. The division was then ordered to the Marianas to recapture Guam.

Peter was on board the USS *Dupage*, where he and his fellow Marines watched the intense pre-invasion bombardment of the island. He often spoke about how difficult it was to witness the bombing knowing his family was somewhere on the island, but not knowing whether they were safe.

Peter was among those destined to hit the beach at Asan, Guam, and begin the retaking of the island from the Imperial Army of Japan. But he was ordered away from the battle to attend Officer Candidate School before the landing occurred. Peter returned to Guam as a second lieutenant and participated in post-invasion operations to secure the island. He remained on Guam at the end of the war and was assigned to Island Command in 1946.