

In addition to my sister, Arlin, and me, Jane leaves one sister, Virginia Garceau. Jane had three grandchildren, my nephew, James, and my two daughters, Louise and Rebecca. She left this life knowing also that she had five great grandsons, Timothy, David, George, Douglas Caspar and Charles. In a very strange twist of fate, Jane's ten-year old thoroughbred Golden Retriever, "Brandy," died of a sudden stroke last Tuesday, July 7, right on the Full Moon. In my view, his death meant that he will be there for Jane in her spiritual journey beyond this life. Wow! Jane had a wonderful long life, perhaps rewarded for all her service by a just God or perhaps simply by the sense of firm resolve and purpose she brought to everything she did; most likely it was by a combination of both.

But primarily, as is most important to me, Rebecca Jane Dalton Weinberger was my mother. I loved her dearly and I shall miss her very much. But I am happy too for her, as at long last she can leave this weary Earth and perhaps re-join her husband of 63 years. Thank you, Jane for giving me not just life but a wonderful life. Indeed, though it was hardly your nature, may you now rest most peacefully.

CASPAR W. WEINBERGER, Jr.,  
Mount Desert, ME. ●

#### COMMENDING KITTERY TRADING POST

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, with summer in full swing, I wish today to recognize a small family-run Maine business that has been outfitting customers with all of their outdoor needs for over 70 years. The Kittery Trading Post, located in Maine's southernmost town of Kittery, offers outdoor enthusiasts a shopping experience that is nearly as enjoyable as their outdoor activities.

The Kittery Trading Post holds a special place in the hearts of Mainers and tourists alike as it is one of the first visible landmarks upon entrance into our State from New Hampshire. The Trading Post was established by Philip Adams in 1938 and began small as a one-room, 360 square-foot retail location cohabitating with a gas station. Mr. Adams initially started his business by swapping gas for pelts, supplies for cars, and beef for ammunition. While the Trading Post has grown and much has changed over the years, it remains a family-owned and operated business to this day.

In 1961 Phillip Adams sold the trading post to his 21-year-old son, Kevin. Under Kevin's leadership, the Kittery Trading Post was voted Independent Specialty Retailer of the Year in 1979 by the United State Sporting Goods Industry. Kevin operated the company until his retirement in 1986, when the reins were passed on to Gary, Phillip, Kevin F., and Kim Adams. During this period, the Trading Post was presented with the Governor's Award for Business Excellence in 1995, a celebrated honor given to businesses that make generous contributions in the areas of community, employment, and service.

Phillip and Gary retired in 1999 and 2001 respectively, leaving the family business under the able leadership of

Kevin F. and Kim. In 2001, the Trading Post earned yet another prestigious and coveted award, when the Maine Merchants Association named the Kittery Trading Post the Retailer of the Year.

Since its inception, the Kittery Trading Post has grown exponentially, resulting in its current size of 90,000 square feet of retail space. Spread out across three spacious levels, each area containing products appealing to a variety of customers, including quality and affordable provisions for hunting and archery, camping and travel, food and lodging, and fishing and marine activity, among others. The camping, rock climbing, water and winter sports divisions reside on the upper floor. Below that is the largest shooting sports department in New England, including over 3,000 used firearms in stock. And on the lower level is Kittery Trading Post's expansive fishing section.

In addition to the retail space, the Trading Post has two off-site warehouses, providing the firm with an additional 94,000 square feet of space to help increase the distribution of its products and keep up with the demands of online customers via the company's user-friendly website. The Kittery Trading Post offers free shipping on orders over \$50, and also assures each customer that if they are not completely satisfied with their purchase they may return it for a full refund or replacement.

As a vibrant and active member of the local community, the Kittery Trading Post hosts a variety of seminars and events throughout the year. These events include weekly community bicycle rides, fly fishing lessons for children, and classes for gun owners on firearm reloading safety.

Over the course of its lengthy history, the Kittery Trading Post has expanded into a singular name in Southern Maine's outdoor sports outfitting arena. A true Maine gem, the Trading Post is an impressive destination for the amateur and the experienced outdoorsman alike. I commend everyone at the Kittery Trading Post for their exceptional work in providing quality and friendly service to tens of thousands of visitors each year, and wish them continued success for future decades. ●

#### COMMENDING EDWIN C. PETRANEK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I thank an American veteran for his valiant service to our country in the Advanced European Theater of Operation during World War II. Edwin C. Petranek was born September 9, 1916, in White River, SD. After graduating from the University of South Dakota in 1942, he was commissioned second lieutenant with the ROTC program and assigned to the 34th Infantry Division. Ed then went on to serve in Africa, Italy, and France until 1945 as a member of the 1st Battalion, Company A

and B, 143rd Infantry, 36th Division as platoon leader.

Ed was eventually made first lieutenant, and his division took part in breaking the German defenses around Rome and in the invasion of southern France. He was wounded four times in the line of duty and returned to combat again and again. Ed left the European theater only after shattering his hip and being fitted with a full body cast.

Ed recovered and received a medical discharge in 1946 but stayed in the Army Reserves for 10 additional years, during which he returned to South Dakota and completed a master's degree. Upon receiving an honorable discharge in 1956, Ed continued to serve in a civilian capacity as an educator and coach. Here his commitment to excellence remained evident as he earned induction into the South Dakota Athletic Director Hall of Fame.

Both at home and abroad, the perseverance exhibited by South Dakota's own Ed Petranek remains an example to us all. This man has been awarded the Silver Star, a Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, a Bronze Star with cluster for meritorious service, and many other honors. Ed was also presented the French Legion of Honor. Today we have the chance to thank him for his dedication and to reflect on the true meaning of service. ●

#### COMMENDING LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) WALTER PAUL

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I acknowledge the retirement of LTC (Ret.) Walter Paul, of the Colorado Army National Guard, and to recognize him for his distinguished public service as the resource manager and legislative director of the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs from 1999-2009.

Walter Paul was born in Vienna, Austria, and raised in the state of Victoria, Australia. He received a BS in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1971. After college, he entered the U.S. Army as an artillery officer and served on active duty in Oklahoma, California, and Germany. He left active duty in 1978 but remained committed to his service by joining the California Army National Guard. When he moved his family—his wife Anna and two daughters—to Colorado in 1979, he transferred to the Colorado Army National Guard. As an artillery officer in the Colorado Army National Guard, he commanded the 2nd Battalion 157th Field Artillery in Colorado Springs.

As a traditional guardsman, Lieutenant Colonel Paul served as a member of the Guard on weekends while maintaining a business career during the week. He worked for Honeywell Semiconductor Division in Colorado Springs as a military program manager. In 1986, he earned his MBA from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, UCCS, and for 13 years, he taught part time at the UCCS Business