

SSG Thomas K. Fogarty, 30, of Alameda, CA, died May 6 in Ahmad-Kheyl, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Fogarty was assigned to the 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 509th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK.

SPC Chase S. Marta, 24, of Chico, CA, died May 7 in Ghazni province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Marta was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Sgt Wade D. Wilson, 22, of Normangee, TX, died May 11 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Wilson was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Brian L. Walker, 25, of Lucerne Valley, CA, died May 13 in Bowri Tana, Afghanistan, when the enemy attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Walker was assigned to the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK.

PO1 Ryan J. Wilson, 26, of Shasta, CA, died of complications associated with a medical condition May 20 in Manama, Bahrain. Petty Officer First Class Wilson was assigned to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command headquarters in Bahrain.

2LT Travis A. Morgado, 25, of San Jose, CA, died May 23 in Zharay, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his patrol with an improvised explosive device. Second Lieutenant Morgado was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

Cpl Keaton G. Coffey, 22, of Boring, OR, died May 24 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Coffey was assigned to 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, 1st Marine Headquarters Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Vilmar Galarza Hernandez, 21, of Salinas, CA, died May 26 in Zharay, Kandahar province, Afghanistan, when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Galarza Hernandez was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

SPC Tofiga J. Tautolo, 23, of Wilmington, CA, died May 27 in Bati Kot, Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his vehicle was attacked with an enemy improvised ex-

plosive device. Specialist Tautolo was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO.

LCpl Joshua E. Witsman, 23, of Covington, IN, died May 30 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Witsman was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CROATIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Croatian Cultural Garden committee of the Croatian Heritage Museum and Library in the city of Cleveland. This garden will serve both to celebrate the rich cultural achievements and contributions of people of Croatian heritage, as well as to create an educational legacy which future generations may enjoy for years to come. Cleveland's Croatian community has worked to make this garden a reality for the past 3 years, and the first phase of this project was completed and dedicated on June 3, 2012.

Since 2009, the Croatian community has worked diligently to raise the funding necessary to realize this goal, as well as to design, plan, and establish this garden in Cleveland's Rockefeller Park.

With this dedication, the Croatian Cultural Garden will join others in the chain of the Cultural Gardens along Martin Luther King Boulevard in Cleveland. These gardens were dedicated over 75 years ago with the goal of recognizing and preserving the diversity of culture that has enriched northeast Ohio and our county.

Mr. President, for the continuing support of the Croatian community, I would like to recognize the Croatian Cultural Garden Committee and join in celebrating the dedication of this project.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE SHINE FAMILY FOUNDATION

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize an organization from my home State of Nevada whose continued dedication to our Nation's active military, veterans, and their families is inspiring. As the Shine Family Foundation celebrates their first anniversary of becoming a recognized non-profit organization, I thank them for their commitment to assisting our country's military community during times of hardship. We rely on organizations like the Shine Family Foundation to ease the stress that military families face when a family member is deployed. I applaud the Shine Family Foundation for their commitment to our heroes who sacrifice so much to keep America safe.

The Shine Family Foundation was founded to address the needs of military personnel and their families when they are separated due to prolonged and often multiple deployments. As their loved ones are far away from home sacrificing their own well-being for the safety of our Nation, military families often struggle with hardships while they are apart. Having a brother who served overseas, I understand the sacrifices that military families make when a loved one is deployed.

The Shine Family Foundation is committed to ensuring soldiers deployed across the globe are able to connect with their families back home. Last year, the Shine Family Foundation's gifting program helped provide school supplies, Christmas gifts, food, gift cards, and phone cards to more than 100 military families. Recognizing the changing dynamics of our military force, the foundation also provides assistance to veterans returning from Active Duty to help welcome them home. They also offer a mentoring program for young children whose parents or siblings are serving in war zones.

I commend the Shine Family Foundation's commitment to honor and give back to our military communities. We must always remember the brave men and women in uniform and their families who make grave sacrifices to protect our freedom. As their organization grows, I know they will maintain a commitment to touching the lives of our troops and their families. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this honorable organization for all they do for our Nation's heroes.●

##### REMEMBERING DR. JAN KARSKI

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Jan Karski, who, as a young officer in the Polish Underground during the Second World War, was among the first to provide eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust to the world.

Shaped by his own personal loss during one of the darkest hours in human history, Dr. Karski had the moral clarity to make distinctions between good and evil, and the personal courage to speak out and fight for good and against evil. After being captured and tortured by the Nazis, Dr. Karski escaped and became a courier for the Polish Underground, smuggling information out of Poland to the Polish government-in-exile. Among his many missions, Dr. Karski, who was Roman Catholic, twice infiltrated Warsaw's Jewish Ghetto through a series of underground tunnels disguised as a Nazi auxiliary guard.

Dr. Karski showed fearlessness in the face of a regime built on fear, and he was not afraid to challenge conventional wisdom and take on the enemies of freedom. In 1943, Dr. Karski traveled to the United Kingdom and the United States, where he was the first credible eyewitness to brief British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and President