

including the St. Peters Rec-Plex and the YMCA of St. Charles. He has served on the board of directors for Boys Town of Missouri, Missouri K.I.D.S., Lewis and Clark Performing Arts, and United Services for the Handicapped.

Mr. Weber knows that giving of yourself is simply more than donating a check. He understands that in St. Charles, as in the rest of the country, it is volunteerism which drives community spirit and cooperation. For all his life he has embodied those ideals.

A quote recently printed in the St. Charles Chamber newsletter by Mr. Ben Blanton, may best describe his character: ". . . this lion of a man has a teddy bear heart. A lion exterior to do battle for all the right things of our community, and a compassionate heart to weep over those who are in need."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Mr. Weber for his dedicated service and wishing him continued success. I am honored to join the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce in honoring this outstanding leader and citizen.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY,  
AMVETS POST 22

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, patriotism is the noblest American virtue. I rise today to pay tribute to a group of individuals that exemplifies patriotism, the members of AMVETS Post 22. The AMVETS know service to their country doesn't end after their military career. They have been providing vital services to not only veterans but the community as a whole.

On Saturday, January 25, AMVETS Post 22 in Essexville, MI will celebrate their 50th anniversary. But more than celebrating their anniversary, AMVETS is celebrating 50 years of community service and involvement. AMVETS is involved in community projects providing services not only to veterans but to any member of the community in need. In such activities as the Caro State Hospital where they held local talent shows with music, singers, and dancers, for the patients. The civic minded members of AMVETS also pass on our country's patriotic rituals to the public in an annual flag disposal ceremony designed to teach the community how to respectfully dispose of worn out flags.

Yearly Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas baskets for the needy help assuage hunger around the holidays, but their concern is not seasonal. In September they hold the white clover sales where members go out all day collecting donations. This money is used for such vital community projects as Special Olympics and Toys for Tots.

In an effort to ensure that those who served their country are not forgotten, the AMVETS assist the veterans hospital by taking patients on outings and volunteer weekly at the hospital to make veterans more comfortable. They also hold Pearl Harbor Day services and Memorial Day services.

With an eye to the future, AMVETS provides scholarships for students aiding them in pursuit of higher education in many diverse fields of study. They also foster civic pride amongst grade school students with their essay and poster contest.

Mr. Speaker, AMVETS Post 22 has been working hard for 50 years to improve the quality of life for all Americans. Please join me in congratulating the AMVETS Post 22 on its 50th anniversary, with best wishes for many more.

TRIBUTE TO JIM ESHLEMAN

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of Jim Eshleman, an aerospace engineer from California's Inland Empire. Jim was recently honored with 1 of 50 company-wide Nova awards by Lockheed Martin Corp. The award was presented during a ceremony at the Air and Science Museum here in Washington last summer.

Jim was recognized as the flight sciences lead for a team that designed and built a large-scale model of an aircraft that may replace about 3,000 military jets of various designs by the year 2010. Called the "Joint Strike Fighter Demonstration Airplane," a one-design-fits-all aircraft that could replace diverse military aircraft. All would be variations of the same plane, with but few modifications for each aircraft.

Jim brings to his work at Lockheed the history and values of his home town Fontana in my congressional district. Along with his family, including his six brothers and sisters, Jim worked in the Eshleman Meat Co. in Fontana. Jim belonged to the local 4-H Club. In high school, he took an aviation sciences class and earned his pilot's license before high school graduation. He was educated at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and Stanford University. He worked at NASA Ames Research Center before coming to Lockheed Martin in 1986 to join the famed Skunk Works.

At home in my district, we are proud of the contributions Jim is making in the aerospace field. I ask my colleagues to share this pride in an American whose work will make a difference in the way military avionics will develop in the next century.

HONORING THE AWARD WINNERS  
OF THE DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special and important people in Dale City, located in Prince William County in the 11th District of Virginia. These are individuals who have put the welfare of the community, Dale City, VA, above their own needs and desires, not only performing their jobs, but going above and beyond the call of duty. These individuals have become role models to others in their professions and to other volunteers.

These citizens were honored on February 1, 1997 by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active and accomplished citizens associations in the commonwealth of Virginia. The Dale City Civic Association was created 30 years ago and hosts an annual service awards banquet. In addition, the association offers a number of awards and scholarships for college bound students from Dale City, monitors development and serves as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the award recipients.

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Irene Dell. Ms. Dell is a member of the Dale City Civic Association and volunteers for the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department. She has made significant contributions in raising thousands of dollars for the fire department and has been instrumental in the success of kids programs run by the volunteer fire department. She has volunteered much of her time to organize and help the DCCA become the successful association that it is today.

Youth Citizen of the Year: Kiana Rene Trent. Ms. Trent is a sophomore at C.D. Hylton H.S. She is the Class President and has played a major role in drug awareness programs, Just Say No campaigns, and SADD. She is a member of the student council Model United Nations, the swim team, and the junior varsity cheerleading team, to name a few. In addition to these activities, she has also won the Martin Luther King oratory contest. She is a model student and an accomplished citizen.

Firefighters of the Year: Marc Sherman and Eric Wyatt. Capt. Sherman and Capt. Wyatt are both volunteer firefighters at the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department Station 13. They have progressed from recruits to their present positions as battalion captains. These two men are true heroes, role models for our youth to emulate. In a recent residence fire, the brave efforts of these men saved the life of a child. They truly perform above and beyond the call of duty and help make DCVFD second to none. They have both volunteered over 1000 hours each.

Emergency Medical Technician of the Year: Angela Goodwin. Lt. Goodwin has been a volunteer EMT with the Dale City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department since 1992. She is a driving force in the fire department paramedic program, providing unsurpassed advanced life support to patients in life threatening situations. Lt. Goodwin is always available for public education, internal training for her crews, as well as maintaining EMS supplies for three stations. Additionally, she is responsible for the management of her battalion crew and must provide constant supervision to assure her personnel will be ready to meet any emergency situation.

Nurse of the Year: Nancy O'Shields. Ms. O'Shields is a nurse at Potomac Hospital. She has been a member of this nursing staff for 24 years and has served as a staff nurse with the medical—surgical unit until transferred to the emergency department where she worked for several years. Currently, she serves as the director of outpatient surgical services. In her spare time, Nancy is active in her church and sings in the choir. She is a member of the police wives association, and she was also very active in the Dale City Little League and the area schools when her children were young. She is a model citizen within the community.