

has had stewardship of every aspect of the nuclear navy, from fleet operations and training to reactor design and ultimate disposition of spent nuclear fuel. The dedication required of this mission is extraordinary, and our Nation has benefited from Admiral Donald's steadfast leadership.

Over the course of his career, Admiral Donald excelled as an undersea commander. He served as the commanding officer of the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Key West, commander of the elite Submarine Development Squadron Twelve and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Allied Submarine Command, Atlantic. Other highlights include tours at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, the Joint Staff, and as commander of all U.S. submarine forces.

While at Naval Reactors, he has ensured the safe operations of the nuclear navy. Nuclear-powered warships have safely steamed over 150 million miles and operated for more than 6,400 reactor years without an accident. The most recent 20 million miles and 800 reactor-years have been achieved under Admiral Donald's leadership.

Among his many achievements, one of the most impressive is the consistent and quiet success of the Naval Reactors Facility, NRF, in Idaho Falls. The highly complex and scientific work done at NRF requires not only a highly skilled, diligent workforce but the trust and confidence of the people of Idaho. As a result of Admiral Donald's work, that confidence has flourished.

Admiral Donald has been instrumental to the future of the Navy, having overseen the highly successful construction of many Virginia-Class attack submarines, the final design and construction of the next-generation USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, and the initial design of the Ohio-class replacement ballistic missile submarine. All three platforms incorporate impressive new technologies into the nuclear propulsion plants that have proven to be safe and reliable for nearly 70 years. These ships will allow the Navy to continue to protect America and our interests around the globe and would not be possible without the steadfast leadership of Admiral Donald.

Admiral Donald's selfless commitment to serving our Nation has left us safer and better prepared to respond to threats around the world. He leaves a legacy of service, dedication to the Navy, and commitment to the environment. With our deepest gratitude, we wish him the very best in retirement after an impressive and impactful career.●

CANONIZATION OF BL. KATERI  
TEKAKWITHA AND BL.  
MARIANNE COPE

● Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the contribution of two great heroes, Kateri Tekakwitha and Marianne Cope. These two individuals from upstate New York worked

tirelessly during their lifetimes to bring faith and health to every soul they touched. Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha and Bl. Marianne Cope have served as an inspiration for generations of the faithful both in America and abroad, and are now being recognized with the highest honor of sainthood.

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 to a Mohawk father and Algonquin mother along the Mohawk River in upstate New York. After surviving a devastating smallpox epidemic, Kateri was introduced to Christianity by Catholic missionaries. Despite severe disapproval by her tribe, Kateri was baptized into the church as Catherine and lived the rest of her life caring for the sick and elderly in the Mohawk River region. She is informally known as Lily of the Mohawks and will become the patron saint of ecology, the environment, and Native Americans. Although she died young, Kateri's reputation as the first Native American saint will live forever. Her commitment to the Christian faith has served as an inspiration not only to Native American Catholics, but to all American Catholics.

The other beatified person, Bl. Marianne Cope, was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse after growing up in Utica, NY. As the eldest daughter of German immigrants, she worked in a factory to support her family and delayed answering her religious calling until her siblings were self-sufficient. Once she was able to commit to the church, Marianne dedicated her work to establishing a series of hospitals, both public and Catholic, in Syracuse and central New York. These hospitals were some of the first to treat patients regardless of race, religion, or nationality. Marianne was also one of the first hospital administrators to advocate for patients' rights and to accept medical students for clinical instruction. In 1883, she moved to Hawaii to care for those with leprosy, a task that was declined by many other religious groups. Throughout her time in Hawaii she remained a dedicated caretaker and symbol of hope to patients who had been exiled because of their illness.

These two extraordinary women will be declared saints on October 21 in Vatican City by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square, marking the end of a long process of examination undergone by all candidates for sainthood. The ceremony will venerate Kateri and Marianne in the eyes of Catholics all over the world.

I would like the U.S. Senate to honor Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha and Bl. Marianne Cope and recognize their unparalleled commitment to faith and their unending sacrifices for the people most in need across New York and our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO SSG CHARLES ALLEN

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, On January 22, 2011 SSG Charles Allen of

Oklahoma lost his two legs and almost lost his life in an IED blast in Afghanistan in Arghandel Valley. But his will to live and the help of his wife and family have given this American Hero all the motivation he needed to win his battle for recovery. SSG Allen makes us all proud to be Americans. The following poem entitled PRAETORIANS was penned by Albert Caswell in his honor and his recovery. I ask unanimous consent that said poem be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PRAETORIANS

Watch over me! Stand Guard!  
Stand Ready, Stand Long, Stand Hard!  
For you are The Spear of Freedom, that's  
who you are! Throughout . . .  
Throughout history . . .  
There has, and will always be! Those who go  
off to war!  
Men of might, who so fight to be free! Who  
our freedoms do so secure!  
Like the Roman's, The Praetorian's! To  
watch over us continually!

All the more!  
Who will stand?  
And who will fight?  
And who will do what is right? What is right!  
And who will lay down their own fine lives?  
Who will give up their strong arms and legs,  
so very bright? And make the angels  
cry!

All in what their fine hearts have made, all  
their most magnificent lives!  
Who will so march off to war?  
And so leave all that they so love and adore!  
To watch over us throughout the night!  
Bathed all in freedom's light!

All in that darkness of most evil war, as on-  
ward they so fight! The Praetorian's,  
are of the ones who so insure!

Standing guard, the ones who so fight on-  
ward so ever more! Airborne, all for our  
victory to insure!

Who but live to fight with their Band of  
Brothers, but just one day more!  
Magnificent Men,  
who all for our nation their fine hearts are  
Airborne! Who upon them all, the title  
of hero is now so worn! Who go but  
where angels so fear to tread!

Even thought their fine blood runs red!  
As up to new heights their fine hearts have  
soared!

For these are the men who are the Airborne,  
all in times of war! To Fight the Fight,  
as in their arms their brothers hearts beat  
no more! As it was on one such faithful  
tour . . .

Charles, as when your fine heart went even  
higher, went Airborne! While, lying  
there so very close to death . . . with  
but not much left . . . When, some-  
thing so deep down inside your fine  
heart, would crest . . . With your two  
legs gone and not much left . . .

As to new heights you so pledged . . .  
For you had a family back home,  
and you held on as you would not so leave  
them so all alone.

When, Oklahoman said his recovery would be  
Sooner not later! As you were gone . . .  
AIRBORNE!

On the road to recover,  
beyond all of that pain and heartache mov-  
ing on! As we looked back and you were  
gone!

As now You So Teach Us!  
As now You So Reach Us!  
As a Star was born!  
And a great American family. . . .