

submitting and to promote the program within their own Congressional Districts for the benefit of all World War II veterans.

**NAFCU JOINS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL**

HONOLULU, HI.—The National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU) announced today at its annual Defense Credit Union Summit that it will take a leadership role in helping to raise funds for the National World War II Memorial.

NAFCU President Fred Becker made the announcement at a gathering of defense credit union officials, just miles from Pearl Harbor where the war began for America in December 1941. The Defense Summit is a one-day, defense credit union meeting that precedes NAFCU's Annual Conference and Exhibition, held this year at the Hawaii Convention Center, July 19-22.

President Clinton signed legislation authorizing the establishment of a National World War II Memorial in 1993, and a fundraising campaign spearheaded by Senator Bob Dole and FedEx Corporation CEO Fred Smith has now raised more than \$92 million of the estimated \$100 million required to design, construct and maintain a memorial. The NAFCU Board voted last month to lend NAFCU's support to the campaign and to encourage its members to promote the effort as well.

"I think it is appropriate that we announce our participation in the campaign here, in Honolulu, where the battleship Missouri and the Pearl Harbor Memorial serve as solemn reminders of America's involvement in the last world war," Becker said. He noted that 16 million Americans served in uniform during the war, and more than 400,000 died. "World War II was the most significant event in the last century," he said. "Without the sacrifice of that generation, we would not enjoy the freedoms and opportunities we have today."

"The World War II Memorial Campaign sincerely appreciates the efforts of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions and the support of the nation's federal credit unions and their members in helping to make this memorial possible," said Senator Dole.

NAFCU members will be able to participate in the campaign in two ways: either by making a personal donation, or by encouraging their credit union members to support the memorial through a NAFCU/World War II Memorial pledge card that can be obtained from the NAFCU website (or by diskette) and distributed as a statement stuffer.

The NAFCU/WWII Memorial pledge card also will allow credit union members to submit names for the World War II Registry of Remembrances, which will include the names of veterans and individuals on the home front who contributed to the war effort. The registry will be kept on permanent display at the National World War II Memorial.

"The memorial and its registry will be a fitting tribute to those who served," said NAFCU Chair Ron Keeler. "I know that many NAFCU credit union leaders and their members either supported or served in World War II. This is a unique opportunity to create a lasting legacy commemorating their efforts." Keeler said that America is losing its WWII veterans at the rate of 1,000 a day, adding a sense of urgency to the campaign. "Of the 16 million Americans who served, fewer than six million are alive today," he said.

The artwork for the NAFCU/World War II Memorial pledge card will be available on

NAFCU's website at www.nafcunet.org. Copies of the artwork can also be obtained by calling Joelle Hahn in NAFCU's Marketing Division at 1-800-336-4644, ext. 227.

NAFCU is the only national organization of credit unions that focuses exclusively on federal issues affecting credit unions, representing its members before the federal government and the public.

**HARRIET TUBMAN DAVIS VETERAN STATUS PROPOSAL TO THE HOUSE FLOOR**

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to grant Harriet Tubman veteran status for her service in the Union Army from 1863 to 1865.

With a letter from governor John Andrews of Massachusetts Harriet Tubman reported to General David Hunter at Hilton Head, South Carolina in 1863 where she worked as a nurse, scout, spy and cook for the Union Army.

In the spring of 1865 she worked briefly at a freedman's hospital in Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

Harriet Tubman recruited Union Army soldiers in the South. On March 6, 1863 the Secretary of War was informed that seven hundred and fifty blacks who were waiting for an opportunity to join the Union Army had been rescued from slavery under the leadership of Harriet Tubman.

After the Civil War Mrs. Tubman married Nelson Davis, a private in the US Colored Infantry Volunteers. He died in 1888 and Mrs. Tubman received a pension as his widow. Mrs. Tubman applied for an increase in her pension. H.R. 4982, of the 55th Congress, was never enacted but it proposed that Mrs. Tubman be given a pension as a veteran of the Civil War at her request. Senator William H. Seward of New York, the Secretary of the State under Lincoln during the time of the Civil War and knew Mrs. Tubman personally. Mr. Seward advocated Mrs. Tubman's placement on the pension roll, for her service in the war as a nurse in the United States Army.

Mrs. Tubman lived the remainder of her life after the Civil War in Auburn, New York. She is buried in Fort Hill Cemetery in Auburn with military honors.

Prior to 1863, Harriet Tubman was a conductor on "The Underground Railroad." After escaping from slavery in 1849, she returned to the South repeatedly freeing other slaves before joining the war effort in 1863. She is reported to have personally brought over 300 slaves to freedom including her brothers, sisters, and elderly parents.

In 1913 Harriet Tubman died of pneumonia without being formally recognized as a veteran of the Civil War. I propose that Harriet Tubman be awarded veteran status through this bill posthumously.

**VANISHING WILDLIFE STAMP ACT OF 2000—H.R. 4872**

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 19, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 4872, the Vanishing Wildlife Stamp Act of 2000. This important legislation calls upon the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative wildlife semi-postal stamp.

Such a stamp would have broad appeal to the public, would supplement the modest appropriations for U.S. Government recovery programs, and would assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in filing the gap between congressional authorization and appropriations.

By providing this convenient vehicle for members of the public to "vote with their pocketbooks" for a federal program that they support, the vanishing wildlife stamp will help relieve pressure and complete reliance on federal appropriations and shift wildlife conservation away from big government solutions and toward a first-hand example of public-private cooperation to achieve a common goal.

I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this important legislation.

**SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

JULY 21

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by the President to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest for increased protection.

- JULY 25
- 9:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 To hold hearings to examine the National Missile Defense Program. SH-216
- Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold oversight hearings on Natural Gas Supply. SD-366
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings on Public Safety Officers' collective bargaining. SD-430
- Environment and Public Works  
 To hold hearings on the disposal of low activity radioactive waste. SD-406
- Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings on environmental protection in an era of dramatic economic growth in Latin America. SD-419
- 10 a.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold oversight hearings on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. SR-485
- Appropriations  
 Transportation Subcommittee  
 To hold oversight hearings on aviation consumer service and delays. SD-124
- Finance  
 Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings on federal income tax issues relating to proposals to encourage the creation of public open spaces in urban areas and the preservation of farm and other rural lands for conservation purposes. SD-215
- United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control  
 To hold hearings to examine the threats the drug ecstasy causes. SD-628
- 2 p.m.  
 Finance  
 Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine the importance of non-custodial fathers in the lives of their children. SD-215
- 2:30 p.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 Water and Power Subcommittee  
 To hold oversight hearings on the status of the Biological Opinions of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operations of the Federal hydropower system of the Columbia River. SD-366
- Energy and Natural Resources  
 Water and Power Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings on S. 2877, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon; S. 2881, to update an existing Bureau of Reclamation program by amending the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, to establish a partnership program in the Bureau of Reclamation for small reclamation projects; and S. 2882, to authorize Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California. SD-366
- 3 p.m.  
 Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings on the nomination of Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs). SD-419
- JULY 26
- 9 a.m.  
 Small Business  
 Business meeting to markup S. 1594, to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958. SR-428A
- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
 To hold hearings to review the federal sugar program. SR-328A
- 9:30 a.m.  
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 Public Health Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings on bridging the gap between health disparities. SD-430
- 10 a.m.  
 Governmental Affairs  
 To hold hearings on S. 1801, to provide for the identification, collection, and review for declassification of records and materials that are of extraordinary public interest to the people of the United States. SD-342
- 11 a.m.  
 Foreign Relations  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-419
- 2 p.m.  
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act. SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
 To hold oversight hearings on potential timber sale contract liability incurred by the government as a result of timber sale contract cancellations. SD-366
- Indian Affairs  
 To hold hearings on S. 2526, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act. SR-485
- JULY 27
- 9 a.m.  
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
 To hold hearings to review proposals to establish an international school lunch program. SR-328A
- SEPTEMBER 26
- 9:30 a.m.  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion. 345 Cannon Building