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HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA MAKES SECOND TRIP TO WWII MEMORIAL

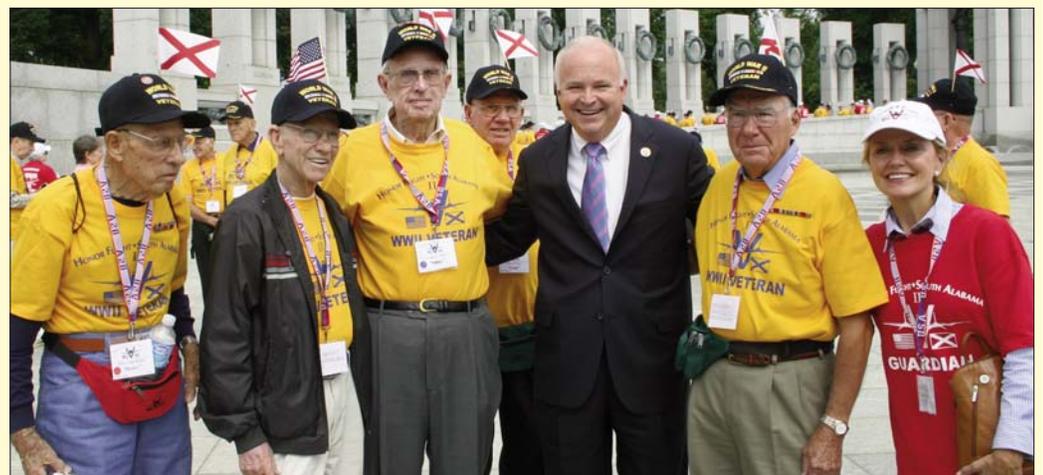
Honor Flight South Alabama made its second trip to Washington, D.C. earlier this month. This very special organization took 94 men and women from the greatest generation to visit the National World War II Memorial.

Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who in large part made the memorial possible, Senator Jeff Sessions, and I had the opportunity last week to welcome these men and women to their memorial. I was honored to once again be able to greet and personally thank each of these heroes. We should all take a moment and pay tribute to these veterans' selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

Special thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and donors, who helped make Honor Flight South Alabama's second flight possible.



It was an honor to visit with our veterans and guardians from southwest Alabama at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.



GOOD NEWS IN SOUTH ALABAMA...



G-1 Mechanical Inc. held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new state-of-the-art facility in McIntosh. Approximately 200 people, including county and local officials, attended the event.

Earlier this month, the new office and manufacturing facility of G-1 Mechanical, Inc. was formally dedicated. The new McIntosh facility has hired about 60 workers and will be hiring an additional 40 workers. The company recently landed a multimillion-dollar deal with ThyssenKrupp to fabricate pipe for the steel mill.

Speaking of ThyssenKrupp, its new training center, the Erich Heine Learning Center, was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month. The new training center will provide operational, maintenance, and administrative training for its new employees.



Governor Bob Riley, Alet Heine, widow of Erich Heine for whom the center is named, and Edwin Eichler, TKAG Executive Board Member, cut the ribbon to officially open the training center.

It was also an exciting month for the University of South Alabama. The new Health Sciences building, which is the largest academic building on campus, had its grand opening. The building will house the colleges of nursing and allied health professions.

The university also celebrated the groundbreaking of Shelby Hall, the new engineering and science building. Shelby Hall will feature state-of-the-art facilities for both engineering and computer science students and is expected to be completed in September 2011.



From the mailbox...



*Dear Congressman Bonner,
I would like to thank you for the effort you put forth to help me get my disability. I have worked all my life, and when my health got to where I could not fulfill my duties at work, I was told it could take up to a year to get some type of income or disability for my family and me.*

You are a truly good person and a good congressman.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

A grateful constituent

ALABAMIAN HONORED AT PENTAGON

I was honored to attend the ceremony dedicating the Pentagon's Strategic Plans & Policy Directorate Conference Room in honor of Lt. Col. Mark Stratton. Sandra E. Luff, LTC, US Army (Retired) and



National Security Policy Advisor to Sen. Jeff Sessions and I joined Mark's widow, Jennifer, at the ceremony.

One of south Alabama's own, United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Mark Stratton, was recently honored at the Pentagon with the dedication of the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate Conference Room in his honor.

Mark, a long-time resident of Foley, was killed this past Memorial Day in Afghanistan. He had served as commander of the Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team working on civil affairs initiatives with the Afghan population. He was helping to build a road to provide access to an isolated mountain region of Kabul. It was there where Mark was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated as his convoy was passing.

Before he was deployed to Afghanistan, Mark was stationed at the Pentagon, where he served as an executive assistant for the deputy director for Asian politico-military affairs.