

## Loved ones at war remembered

Everyone in the Heppner-Ione-Lexington community has been touched somehow by the war in the Persian Gulf that began Wednesday, January 16, 1991 with U.S. air strikes on Iraq—but none more than those families in the area who have sons and husbands in the Gulf.

Geri and Carl Martin, Heppner, have two sons and a son-in-law in the Gulf and anticipate the transfer of a third son to the Middle East.

**Corporal John A. Martin**, USMC, 537-58-0588, CSSD14 1st FSSG, MCAS El Toro 92709 (Desert Shield) is a Marine Corps engineer with a support unit in the Middle East. John, who just turned 25, graduated from Heppner High School in 1984.

**Corporal Carl D. Martin II**, USMC, 537-58-0631, HMH463 MAG16, FPO SF 96608-6017 (Desert Shield) is in a Marine Corps helicopter unit in the Middle East. Twenty-two years old, he graduated from HHS in 1987.

The Martins son-in-law **SSGT Joseph D. Struthers USAF**, 544-90-1603, P.O. Box 29 (SAC), FPO SF 96685 is with a ground crew at a B52 base in the Middle East. His wife, Sarah Martin, is at Loring Air Force Base in Maine. The couple has two children, Aubry, 5, and Bradley 3. His parents are Maynard and Edna Struthers, Hermiston, formerly of Heppner.

A third son of the Martins **Pvt. Will J. Martin**, USMC, 543-84-8171, Camp Pendleton, CA., is now in Marine Corps motor transport advanced training prior to deployment to the Middle East. Will, 20 years old, graduated from HHS in 1989.

"We hear from them from time to time," said Carl Martin, an Oregon State Policeman stationed in Heppner. "I support the president and the cause and we're proud of the job the boys are doing."

Helen Riehl, owner of the R & W Drive In in Heppner with her husband Tom, is in the process of putting up green ribbons in the restaurant for all of the service men and women in the gulf. "I chose green ribbons because yellow ribbons have been reflected in such a negative light, because of the anti war protests," Mrs. Riehl said that her husband saw on TV that their son's 2nd Armored Division arrived in Saudi Arabia Saturday morning and that they had joined with a Marine unit just on the Kuwaiti-Saudi border. They were reported to have a 200-mile road march to get there, she said. Twenty-three year old **Spc. Richard Riehl**, 542-96-1586, HHC 141 2AD (Fwd) Operation Desert Shield, APO NY 09758, repairs Bradley tanks in the Gulf. His wife, Michele, and their son, Tyler, 15 months, just moved back to Heppner from Germany where he had been stationed. Michele and Tyler are now living with her parents, Dexter and Corrine Miles. "I'm doing good," said Michele, who said that the last time she heard from him was when he left for the Gulf on Jan. 8. His mother echos the same sentiments, saying, "I'm doing good. It's an unfortunate reality. But you've got to stop evil because it spreads like germs and I believe Saddam Hussein is evil. It doesn't justify that war is always the way to go, but we've given him (Hussein) every opportunity...there's lots of prayer power out there."

Another son Robert, 22, who is an Airman 1st Class stationed in Spokane at the Air Force Base there, is due to get out of the service in August, 1991, but his time has already been extended to Sept. and the possibility exists that he may also go the Gulf. Robert's wife, Cindy, of Montgomery, Ala., was just discharged from the Air Force in July. Robert works in heavy equipment and his wife was a weapons loader. They have a three-month-old daughter, Julieanne. Helen says that all of the Riehl boys are "looking forward to getting out of the military and getting into business together," and adds that with their determination she expects that is exactly what they will do. Her husband, Tom, ironically, grinds parts and does final quality control checks on parts that will be used on tanks that may be used in the Gulf war. He works for



(L-R) Helen Riehl helps her daughter-in-law Michele Riehl hang a ribbon for Spc. Richard Riehl, on the wall at the R & W Drive In.

Precision Castparts in Portland.

Bill and Marj Kenny have a son, John, who is stationed in Saudi Arabia near the city of Riyadh. **AIC John M. Kenny** 541-17-2602, Desert Shield, US CEN-TAF/SCX/EL, APO NY 09852, is in communications, installing cable for telephones and telephone lines. The Kennys got a call from him on Friday, Jan. 18. Mrs. Kenny said that he seems to be in good spirits and is doing fine and that he said that the soldiers there are also watching reports of the war on CNN. Twenty-one years old, John has been in the Middle East since the first of December. "A lot of people are thinking about them (the servicemen) and he has a good attitude about it. He's done really well and we're proud of him." She said that he had been scheduled to come home on leave at Thanksgiving, but his leave was cancelled with the Gulf crisis building.

**Sgt. Brock Miller** 519-80-1489, 647th MTCO, 176th MTBN, APO NY 09616, is the son of Dennis and Penny Miller, who own Miller's Mini Mart and Chevron in Heppner. Brock, who is stationed 150 miles from Kuwait, is involved in hydraulics, working on machinery. The Millers last spoke to him on Thursday, Jan. 17. They called him and then he was able to return their call. "He sounded awfully tired, bushed," said Mrs. Miller. "He said they'd been filling sandbags and digging." Brock's wife, who was also in the service, was discharged four days before he got his papers for deployment to the Gulf. She was able to get an honorable discharge because of "duress" because they have two children to take care of, Kaisa, three, and PJ, one-and-a-half years. Both Brock and his wife had been stationed in Texas before the Gulf War. Also in good spirits, Mrs. Miller said that "Brock felt he have a reason to be over there."

Kit George said that he and his wife, Shirley, who own the Sears Catalog Store in Heppner have not heard from their son, Cam since he left the Philippines early in January. In electronic communications **Robert C. George** USS Anchorage, LSD 36, FPO San Francisco 9660-1734, is stationed on a ship that carries Marines. Twenty-four years old in December, Cam has been in the Navy three years. The Georges are still unsure of their son's position. "I don't know whether he went to the Gulf or the Red Sea," said Kit.

Connie Eng of Lexington heard from her son **Spc. Bruce N. Eng** 539-84-4293, Operation Desert Shield, C Co. 516 Infantry Reg., APO NY 09786, in the early hours of Tuesday, Jan. 22. She said that her son, who called at 12:30 a.m.,

sounded "really good, cheery," and was "in the middle of the desert somewhere in a tent." She said that

he reported that the conditions were "very cold and rainy" there and that he had been told very little about the war. He drives a Bradley tank.

Twenty-three years old, Bruce, whose wife, Norma, is also in the service, was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Norma is now at Washington, D.C. "I was so glad to hear his voice. We had a good visit. He was only supposed to talk five minutes, but he ended up talking about 35 minutes. His spirits are up. So far so good."

Jim and Marie Boor, whose son, **Spc. Kevin Ball** 542-94-7322, B 1/39 FHR ABN, XVIII ABN Corp, Arty, APO NY 09657, say they have not heard from him lately. "My understanding is that he is in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia," said Mrs. Boor. Kevin, who has been in the army three years before his deployment to the Middle East, is a "reader" on a howitzer, which is a cannon which fires shells in a relatively high trajectory.

Twenty-two years old, Kevin and his wife, Shannon, have a baby, Joshua, four months old. Joshua was one week old when Kevin left for the Middle East, said Mrs. Boor. Shannon is living in Walla Walla, WA. Maintaining good spirits, Mrs. Boor said "I'm doing really well. I've had lots and lots of support. You have to believe in what they're doing to have them over there. The support in community—in Ione, Lexington and Heppner—has been great, not only for the families, but for the kids over there."

Vivian McConnell, Heppner, said that her son, **Sgt. James E. McConnell**, 209th MP Co 519th MP BN, APO 09567-6310, was able to call his sister and husband, Cindy and Charlie Sumner, Lexington, about 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20. She said that Cindy and Charlie reported that Jim is in Saudi Arabia and is "okay" and that he said that he would be going with a ground force as they go in to battle. Jim and his wife, Shelly, have an eight-month old son Tyler. A 1985 Heppner High School graduate, he met his wife in Germany where she was also stationed with the Army. "I hope they can wipe them out," said Mrs. McConnell. "We need to keep them constantly in prayer. My husband (Charles) thinks that when they begin ground fighting there will be a lot more casualties. He (Jim) told Charlie they took out 100,000 Iraqi soldiers." Mrs. McConnell said that she is doing "so far, so good, but I have to watch how much I worry about it, because my blood pressure goes up. I have to watch my worrying and pray. They have to do what they have to do and hope they get out alive...You know if they start the draft I have four other boys that could go. But I hope it doesn't come to that. I appreciate everyone's prayers. I think that's why we've lost so few so far. God is intervening."

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## Outstanding individuals and business honored at banquet



Bill Rawlins



Claudia Hughes



Dick Allen

Chamber manager Claudia Hughes has been selected 1990 Woman of the Year and Bill Rawlins 1990 Man of the Year by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. Ione schools Principal Dick Allen was picked as Educator/Citizen of the Year and Court Street Market was named for Business of the Year.

They were honored at the annual Town and Country Banquet held on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Heppner Elks Club.

Hughes, who works parttime as Chamber of Commerce manager, spearheaded, along with Heppner Mayor Cara Costa, local arrangements for Cycle III Oregon, in which over 2,000 cyclists spent the night in Heppner as part of a bicycle tour of the state. Hughes has been involved in the cattle industry and has held several offices in the Morrow County CattleWomen's association and served as CattleWomen's secretary. She also co-chaired a trade show in conjunction with the national Beef Cookoff when it was held in Portland two years ago. She is still involved in beef promotion, serving as state chairman.

Last year Hughes co-chaired Heppner's annual St. Patrick's celebration and she has been active in planning festivities for the Irish weekend for the past several years.

Hughes has been active in All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner and has been involved in 4-H and the county fair. She worked for many years as Morrow County Extension secretary. She is also a member of the Morrow County Tourism committee and the Vision 2000 economic planning group.

Hughes graduated from Mac-High in Milton-Freewater and attended OSU. She came to Heppner in 1965, when she married her husband Merlin. They have a married son, Kevin, who is involved in the family cattle ranching business (now fourth generation) on Buttercreek, and a daughter, Kimberly, who is attending school at Eastern Oregon State College.

Rawlins, an avid gardener, has been superintendent of the grains department of the Morrow County Fair and has been primary caretaker of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church grounds, both for the past 30 years. For many years he has worked on

the state fair booth for Morrow County, and he and his wife provided flowers and plants for the Morrow County Fairgrounds. He has served on the Heppner Library Board and is a member of the St. Patrick Church Holy Name Society, the American Dahlia Society and the Heppner Garden Club.

A 4-H Father of the Year, Rawlins and his wife have four grown children, Tom, Carol, John and Charlie, and two grandchildren. Born and raised in Monticello, Minnesota, Rawlins attended Oregon State University.

Coming to Morrow County in 1938, he ranched until his retirement in 1978. After his retirement he worked as a school bus driver and custodian and is still growing beautiful dahlias and garden produce, which he often shares with others.

Dick Allen has been principal of the Ione schools for the past six years and has found time to be very active in community affairs. A past president and current vice president of ICABO, the Ione Community and Business Organization, he is also a little league coach, a member of the

Ione Lions Club, the Heppner Elks Club and has worked on youth programs for the Elks.

Prior to moving to Ione Allen and his family lived in Spray where he was active in the community, coaching little league and serving on the Spray Rodeo Board. He and his family are members of the Ione United Church of Christ and are active in its annual fund-raising auction.

Allen was born in the town of Kinzua and graduated from Wheeler High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and his master's degree in 1982 from Portland State. He taught school at Fossil and Salem and has been a school administrator for 12 years.

Allen and his wife, Jannie, have two children, Elizabeth, nine and Steve 12.

Court Street Market owners, Jack and Ruth Maben were honored for increasing business hours and merchandise to accommodate townspeople after Central Market, the other grocery store in Heppner, was destroyed in a fire, Feb. 3, 1990.



L-R: Shannon Wickland, Jack and Ruth Maben accept award for 'Business of the Year' from Larry Mills.

### HHS Booster club plans chili feed

The annual Heppner High School Booster Club chili feed has been planned for Friday, Feb. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the high school before the Pilot Rock Varsity games.

The menu will include chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, baked potatoes, chili potatoes, homemade bread and pies, coffee and punch.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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