

Here is Congressman Denney coming in now.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, I couldn't get in the door. I had to slip in the back way.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Congressman Jim Haley of Florida, the chairman of our Hospitals Subcommittee, who will be doing a lot of work.

Congressman Bryan Dorn, of South Carolina, Congressman Dick Roudebush, not a member of this committee, but a former national commander of VFW.

Ray Roberts of Texas.

A member from California, Don Edwards.

Congressman Montgomery of Mississippi.

Mrs. Chisholm of New York.

Cooper Holt, I will turn it over to you and let you make any introductions you wish.

STATEMENT OF COOPER T. HOLT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, WASHINGTON OFFICE

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to introduce some of our past national officers and past commanders in chief, but before doing that, I would like to introduce Mrs. Lora Waters, national president of our ladies auxiliary, from Seattle, Wash.

And the lovely wife of our commander in chief, Jean Ann Homan.

Another lovely lady, Trixie Gallagher, the wife of our senior vice commander in chief.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce our senior vice commander in chief, Ray Gallagher from Redfield, S. Dak. Our junior vice commander in chief, Herbert R. Rainwater, known to all of us as Chief Rainwater, from California. Our outstanding adjutant general, Julian Dickenson from Texas. Our quartermaster general, "Money Bags," Al Cheatham from Kansas.

Our judge advocate general is Roy Maddox from Maryland. Our chief of staff is Don Maupin from West Virginia. Our inspector general is Pat Carr from Louisiana.

Now, Mr. Chairman, our past commanders in chief. The oldest one we have here so far as term of office is concerned in the VFW is Paul Wolman from Maryland; Ray Brannaman from Colorado; Clyde Lewis from New York; and the marine, the only one, Charlie Ralls from Washington; Frank Hilton from Pennsylvania; Jimmy Cothran from South Carolina; Timothy J. Murphy from Massachusetts; and our good Congressman Richard L. Roudebush from Indiana; Louis G. Feldmann from Pennsylvania; Ted C. Connell from Texas; Robert E. Hansen from Minnesota; and the one I forgot last year, if you will remember, Byron Gentry from California; Joseph J. Lombardo from New York; Andy Borg from Wisconsin; Leslie M. Fry from Nevada; and Joseph A. Scerra from Massachusetts.

Mr. Chairman, that's it. Thank you very kindly.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Thank you, Cooper. When I look at the national commanders and see how many I have worked with I begin to think I am getting kind of old.

We have with us today Congressman Harley Staggers, of West Virginia. Harley came here about when I did. He is the chairman of