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Victims of Marine aircraft crash ID'd

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WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps on Friday released the names of the 15 Marines and one sailor who were killed Monday in the fiery crash of a Marine KC-130T tanker-transport aircraft in the Mississippi Delta. The victims were:

■ **Maj. Caine Goyette**. He was the aircraft commander and pilot and had served in the Marine Corps since 1994. He had deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2005 and again in 2014, and served on a Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force from December 2011-April 2012 and from June-July 2012, assisting security operations in Africa.

The active-duty Marine earned numerous awards, including three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon, two Humanitarian Service Medals, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

■ **Capt. Sean E. Elliott, 30**. He was an aircraft commander from Orange County, Calif., who served in the Marine Corps since 2009. Elliott deployed to the western Pacific from Aug. 2016-Feb. 2017.

The active-duty Marine earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Korean Defense Service Medal, two Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

■ **Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Hopkins**. He was a tactical systems operator and mission specialist from Chesapeake, Va., and served in the Marine Corps since 2001. He served on the tsunami relief mission in southeast Asia in January 2005. He also deployed three times for Operation Enduring Freedom, from July to August, 2001, August-September 2005 and May-June 2014. The active-duty Marine earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; five Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; four Humanitarian Service Medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and numerous other awards.

■ **Gunnery Sgt. Brendan C. Johnson, 46**. He was a fixed wing aircraft crew master from Chittenden, Vt., who served in the Marine Corps since 1994. Johnson deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom to Southwest Asia from July-November 2002 and Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom Southwest Asia, May-July 2003. He was active reserve.

Johnson earned three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; Air Medal-Strike/Flight; four Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; two Armed Forces Reserve Medals; three Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medals; two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal;

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; two National Defense Service Medals and more than a dozen other awards. Johnson was based at Stewart air base traveling across the Atlantic and Pacific and touring many countries.

■ **Staff Sgt. Joshua M. Snowden, 31**. He was a fixed wing aircraft crew master from Dallas who joined the Marine Corps in 2004. The active reserve Marine deployed in the Operation Enduring Freedom transition, June-August 2014; Special Purpose MAGTF, October 2014 to January 2015.

He earned the Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal; Air Medal-Strike/Flight; Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal; Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; two Armed Forces Reserve Medals; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; three Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal and others. Snowden, a flight engineer on the transport plane, grew up in the Dallas area and graduated from Highland Park High School in 2004, having already signed up for the Marines, The Associated Press reported, citing the Dallas Morning News.

■ **Sgt. Julian M. Kevianne, 31**. He was a fixed wing aircraft crew master from Dallas who joined the Marine Corps in 2009. He deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom from November 2012 to March 2013.

The active reserve Marine earned two Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medals, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

John Allen, his cousin, told The Detroit News that Kevianne talked about joining the military when he was younger. Allen said Kevianne could be quiet with people he didn't know, "but once he was comfortable with you, he was a loud blast of fun."

Kevianne, a flight engineer, was based at Stewart air base and lived with his wife, Sherry Jennings-Kevianne, in New Windsor, N.Y.

■ **Sgt. Owen J. Lennon, 26**. The fixed wing aircraft crew master from Rockland County, N.Y., joined the Marine Corps in 2010. He deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom from November 2012 to March 2013.

The active reserve Marine earned two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; and a National Defense Service Medal.

He grew up in Pomona, N.Y., playing football and tennis for Ramapo High School in Rockland County before graduating in 2008, The Associated Press reported.

Lennon was stationed at Stewart air base.

■ **Cpl. Daniel Baldassare, 20**. The fixed wing aircraft crew master from Monmouth, N.J., joined the Marine Corps in 2015 and had yet to deploy. The active-duty Marine had earned a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

Baldassare had wanted to be a Marine since he

was in middle school, his friend Dan McGowan told WPIX-TV, according to The Associated Press.

Baldassare was stationed at Stewart air base.

■ **Cpl. Collin J. Schaaff**. He was an aircraft ordnance technician from Pierce, Wash. He joined the Marine Corps in 2013 and had yet to deploy. The active-duty Marine had earned a Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and National Defense Service Medal.

He has a 1-year-old daughter, and his wife, Sarah Beth, is expecting another daughter in November.

■ **Staff Sgt. Robert H. Cox**. The critical skills operator from Ventura, Calif., joined the Marine Corps in 2007 and deployed March-June 2009 in Operation Iraqi Freedom and again from July 2009 to January 2010; Operation Enduring Freedom, May-December 2011 and Operation Inherent Resolve, January-July 2016.

The active duty Marine earned two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; Combat Action Ribbon; Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal; three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; two Afghanistan Campaign Medals; two Armed Forces Reserve Medals; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and other awards.

■ **Staff Sgt. William J. Kundrat, 33**. The critical skills operator from Frederick, Md., joined the Marine Corps in 2002 and deployed March-June 2003 in Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2005 to April 2006; to Senegal, April-May 2010 and Operation Inherent Resolve, December 2015 to June 2016.

The active-duty Marine earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; four Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; four Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; three Afghanistan Campaign Medals; five Iraq Campaign Medals; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and numerous other awards.

Kundrat lived in Holly Ridge, N.C., and had two children with his wife, Anna, according to The Frederick News-Post.

Kundrat graduated in 2002 from Gov. Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick, where he played football and lacrosse. He also was an Eagle Scout. In 2004, Kundrat married classmate Ashley Cregger, according to the paper. Kundrat served in Iraq, his mother said, later joining the Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command 2nd Marine Raider battalion stationed at Camp Lejeune.

■ **Sgt. Chad E. Jenson**. The critical skills operator from Los Angeles joined the Marine Corps in 2010 and had not deployed. The active-duty Marine earned the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and other awards.

■ **Sgt. Talon R. Leach**. The critical skills operator from Callaway, Mo., joined the Marine Corps in 2010 and deployed in Operation Inherent Resolve, December 2015 to July 2016.

The active-duty Marine earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; two Marine Corps Good

Conduct Medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and other awards.

■ **Sgt. Joseph J. Murray, 26**. The critical skills operator from Duval, Fla., joined the Marine Corps in 2009 and deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom, from September 2010 to March 2011 and January-July 2012.

The active-duty Marine earned three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; Combat Action Ribbon; two Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; two Afghanistan Campaign Medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal and other awards.

His family said he was a ukulele player, former surfer kid and deeply religious family man who excelled in the Marine Corps, according to The Associated Press.

Murray's father, Terry, told reporters Wednesday the special operations Marine had been a surfer at Sandalwood High School in Jacksonville, Fla., who surprised his military veteran parents by joining the Marines.

He said his son was at the center of family life and his Marine units, sharing his Christian faith by serving others and his country. Terry Murray said one Marine told him Joseph hummed praise songs constantly on patrol.

"When Joseph stopped singing praises, they took their safeties off their weapons, because they immediately thought something was up," he said.

Murray leaves a wife, Gayle, and four children — a 5-year-old, a 3-year-old, and twin 1-year-olds.

"He loved to play his guitar and ukulele for us," she said in a statement. "What he wanted most in the world besides our happiness was to destroy evil on this earth."

Murray was stationed at Camp Lejeune.

■ **Sgt. Dietrich A. Schmieman**. The critical skills operator from Benton, Wash., joined the Marine Corps in 2010 and deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom from September 2010 to March 2011 and January-July 2012.

The active-duty Marine earned two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; two Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals; three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and other awards.

■ **Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan M. Lohrey, 30**. The special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman from Middletown, Ind., joined the Navy in 2007 and deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom from October 2010 to May 2011, and Operation Inherent Resolve, July 2016 to January 2017.

The active-duty sailor earned a Purple Heart; two Combat Action Ribbons; three Good Conduct Medals; two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal; NATO Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal and other awards.

"Ryan served our country with honor and we are grateful for his selfless service," U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., said on his web page about the Middletown, Ind., native.

House passes \$696B defense policy bill

Bloomberg

President Donald Trump's proposal to build a bigger U.S. military was just the starting point for the House, which voted to authorize more ships, planes and personnel than he requested.

"There is no substitute for military power," Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry said as the House debated the \$696 billion defense policy bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. "If we don't fund these things now, they won't be there when we need them."

The House passed the bill Friday on a vote of 344-81. The Senate hasn't yet taken up the comparable bill crafted by its Armed Services Committee. Republican leaders in the Senate have said the bill is a priority for coming weeks, after the conflict over health insurance legislation is resolved.

The defense legislation would determine what weaponry the Pentagon is allowed to procure

and would set military policy. Actual spending levels are set in a separate appropriations bill.

Providing all of the money authorized under the House-passed bill (H.R. 2810) would mean busting spending limits by more than \$70 billion. Congress hasn't yet figured out what to do about those caps for the coming fiscal year, and the Pentagon policy bill written in the Senate (S. 1519) would let slightly more be spent. So the debate is shaping up to be more about how high to go rather than whether to spend more on the military.

The bill's \$695.9 billion for national security programs includes \$592.8 billion for regular Defense Department programs, more than \$70 billion above the maximum set in law; \$75 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations funds, which aren't subject to budget caps, with \$10 billion of that dedicated to the regular Pentagon budget; \$20.8 billion for nuclear security programs at

the Department of Energy; and \$7.5 billion in mandatory spending.

The House-passed legislation would provide a 2.4 percent military pay raise and would boost weapons systems such as Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighters and Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft and Chinook and Apache helicopters. It also would expand the Army by 17,000 soldiers.

■ **Aircraft:** The measure would allow for the purchase of 87 F-35 aircraft — 17 more than the Pentagon requested, and 22 F/A-18 Super Hornets, eight more than the administration sought.

The bill backs buying 69 of Boeing's Apache attack helicopters, while the Pentagon asked for 61. Sikorsky, a unit of Lockheed, would stand to gain under a recommendation for 53 UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters, five more than in the budget request. The House panel also wants the Pentagon to buy 17 of Lockheed's MC-130J Air Force Special Operations air-

craft, more than triple the five that were requested.

■ **Bigger fleet:** The Pentagon initially asked for eight ships, and the House bill would authorize 13, including three Littoral Combat Ships. The Pentagon backs buying two of the ships intended for shallow, coastal waters. The LCS is built in two versions by a Lockheed Martin-led team and Austal Ltd. While the ship has been criticized as vulnerable to attack, including by two defense secretaries under President Barack Obama, it has strong support among the congressional delegations from Wisconsin and Alabama, where the shipbuilding program provides jobs.

The bill would authorize one additional DDG-51 destroyer, for a total of three. The destroyers are made by General Dynamics and Huntington Ingalls Industries. It also proposes an additional LPD-17 amphibious transport ship made by Huntington Ingalls.

ISIS offers its own take regarding defeat in Mosul

The Washington Post

In Mosul right now, families are cheering, singing as they clutch the Iraqi flag. Drivers are blasting their horns. All because in their city, Islamic State has been ousted.

On Monday, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared "the end of the ISIS state-let" in his country. It's being celebrated as a major, national victory for the embattled Iraq, one that's brought dancing revelers onto the street in Baghdad and fireworks over the southern city of Basra.

That's not the story you'd get, though, if you follow ISIS on social media. Since it lost Mosul, the terror group has been "working to countering persis-

tent narratives of its gradual defeat ...," explained Rita Katz, a terrorism analyst and co-founder of the Search International Terrorist Entities (SITE) Intelligence Group. Katz pointed to a July 10 communique that read in part: "The soldiers of the Caliphate continue to record epics until they achieve one of the two good ends, either victory or martyrdom."

They've also described the loss of Mosul as a loss for all Muslims against the Shiites and the "Crusader coalition."

"Describing things in this way is not only an attempt to save face amid a major symbolic loss, but also to capitalize on the developments in a way that energizes the group's base," Katz wrote in an email.

Iraq urged to investigate claims of prisoner abuse

The Washington Post

IRBIL, Iraq — A leading human rights group urged Iraqi authorities to investigate allegations of abuse against alleged Islamic State fighters and their families after videos surfaced of detainees being beaten and executed.

Iraqi forces have arrested thousands of people in the former ISIS stronghold of Mosul as the battle against the militants there reached its endgame. Four videos uploaded to the internet this week appeared to show Iraqi soldiers or policemen abusing suspected militants. In one video, a man is beaten, thrown off a cliff and shot on the ground below.

In a statement Thursday, Human Rights Watch called on

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to launch an immediate investigation into the "serious crimes" that appeared to have been exposed on film.

As Iraqi forces edged through Mosul's western districts, they evacuated tens of thousands of people trapped inside the area. At screening centers across the city, men are separated from women and children before having their names screened against a database of ISIS suspects, and their backstories are put up for scrutiny in front of others evacuated from the same area. In interviews with The Washington Post, aid workers with knowledge of the situation in the screening centers said that suspected ISIS militants had been beaten there.

Destroyer to honor first MOH recipient of WWII

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Just over 75 years ago, John Finn manned a machine gun for two hours, firing at Japanese planes strafing him and attacking Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay on Oahu.

On the other side of the island, a fleet of aircraft laid waste to Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack. On the windward side the island, planes ravaged Finn's body with almost two dozen wounds.

A Marine Corps chief aviation ordnanceman, Finn was awarded the first Medal of Honor of World War II. He survived the attack and his wounds, living to the ripe age of 100 when he died in 2010.

On Saturday, the Navy will commission the USS John Finn, its latest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer.

"It's incredibly humbling to be here and be in charge of this great ship," Cmdr. Micheal Wagner told reporters Thurs-

day while standing on the dock beside the ship. "I mean, the namesake, John Finn, was such a great American. Anybody who's ever met him — he was very humble. He didn't think he was a hero, just thought that he was in the right place at the right time to do that.

"I think that fighting spirit is going to live in this ship," Wagner said.

The ship will be homeported in San Diego, but given Finn's immortal connection with Hawaii, officials decided it was fitting to commission it here.

The ship's sponsor will be Laura Stavridis, the wife of retired Adm. James Stavridis, a former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Its name was chosen by former Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus.

Weighing just over 9,100 tons, the Finn was built by Huntington Ingalls Industries in Pascagoula, Miss. Carrying a crew of roughly 300, it is just over 500 feet long and is driven by four turbines and two propellers with a top speed of about 35 mph.

Hawaii judge further weakens travel ban

Associated Press

HONOLULU — In another setback for President Donald Trump, a federal judge in Hawaii has further weakened his already diluted travel ban by vastly expanding the list of family relationships with U.S. citizens that visa applicants can use to get into the U.S.

The ruling is the latest piece of pushback in the fierce fight set off by the ban Trump first attempted in January. It will culminate with arguments in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in October.

The current rules aren't so much an outright ban as a tightening of already tough visa policies affecting citizens from six Muslim-majority countries: Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen. People from those countries who already have visas will be allowed into the country. Only narrow categories of people, including those with relatives named in Thursday's ruling, will be con-

sidered for new visas.

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson on Thursday ordered the government not to enforce the ban on grandparents, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins of people in the United States.

"Common sense, for instance, dictates that close family members be defined to include grandparents," Watson said in his ruling. "Indeed, grandparents are the epitome of close family members."

Watson also ruled that the government may not exclude refugees who have formal assurance and promise of placement services from a resettlement agency in the U.S.

The U.S. Supreme Court, which last month allowed a scaled-back version of the ban to go into effect before it hears the case in October, exempted visa applicants from the ban if they can prove a "bona fide" relationship with a U.S. citizen or entity.

Hawaii soldier held without bail on terrorism charges

Associated Press

HONOLULU — A U.S. soldier accused of wanting to commit a mass shooting after pledging loyalty to Islamic State believed the moon landing was faked, questioned the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and thought the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were an inside job coordinated by the U.S. government, according to a former Army bunkmate.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Ikaika Kang was ordered held without bail in federal court in Honolulu on Thursday after a brief detention hearing. Kang's court-appointed attorney, Birney Bervar, did not contest his client's detention but said after the hearing that he will ask for a mental health evaluation.

A "turning point" for Kang's mental state seems to be a 2011 deployment, Bervar said: "He's a decorated American soldier for 10 years, goes to Afghanistan and comes back and things start going off the rails."

Bervar said his client may suffer from

service-related mental health issues of which the government was aware but neglected to treat.

"It looks like rather than helping him, the government exploited and took advantage of him," Bervar said.

"Kang's military training, weapons abilities and personal combat skills, coupled with his strong stated desire to kill people in the name of Islamic State, makes him one of the more dangerous criminal defendants to have been charged in this judicial district," prosecutors wrote in a motion asking that he be held without bail.

According to court documents, Kang met with undercover agents he thought were from ISIS at a home in Honolulu, where he pledged allegiance to the group and kissed an ISIS flag.

Kang was arrested immediately "to remove the possibility that he would act on his impulse to kill people in the name of Islamic State," prosecutors wrote.

Bervar noted that because Kang never had any contact with real members of the

group, the government was "pouring gasoline on the fire of his mental illness."

Kang and Dustin Lyles, a medically retired soldier, bunked together for a month in 2013 during military training. The two were friends for several years before Lyles left the Army and the two lost touch.

Lyles told The Associated Press that Kang's arrest came as a shock and that he never heard Kang express support for the enemy. They shared sleeping quarters, ate together and practiced mixed martial arts.

"If I had known that then ... I wouldn't even have talked to him after that," Lyles said.

Lyles said he and Kang debated about conspiracies, including that 9/11 was staged by the U.S. to spark wars in the Middle East.

Kang aspired to become a pro MMA fighter, Lyles said. Kang completed a course to become a tactical combat instructor to soldiers, according to an FBI complaint filed in court.

412 charged with health care fraud

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — More than 400 people across the country have been charged with participating in health care fraud scams totaling about \$1.3 billion in false billings, including for the prescription and distribution of opioids.

In what federal officials Thursday called the “largest ever health care fraud enforcement action” by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force, 412 individuals, including 115 doctors, nurses and other licensed medical professionals, were arrested in a nationwide operation that involved more than 1,000 law enforcement agents in at least 30 states.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the operation began with tips from people in the affected communities and from “very sophisticated computer programs that identify outliers.”

The investigation particularly focused on medical professionals who were involved in the unlawful distribution of opioids and other prescription narcotics, officials said. The abuse of pharmaceutical opioids is widely blamed for a medical crisis involving tens of thousands of overdoses on heroin and fentanyl.

“Last year, an estimated 59,000 people died from a drug overdose ... opioids play an enormous role in that total number,” said Chuck Rosenberg, acting administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. “This is an epidemic.”

Approximately 91 Americans die every day of opioid-related overdoses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Among the 412 defendants, 120 were charged with opioid-related crimes. Six of the doctors were charged with operating a scheme in Michigan to prescribe patients with unnecessary opioids, some of which then were sold on the street. The doctors are suspected of billing Medicare for \$164 million in false and fraudulent claims, according to federal officials.

A clinic in Houston allegedly gave out prescriptions for cash. Officials said one doctor at the clinic provided 12,000 opioid prescriptions for more than two million illegal painkiller doses. And a rehab facility for drug addicts in Palm Beach that is alleged to have recruited addicts with gift cards, visits to strip clubs and drugs billed the government for more than \$58 million in false treatments and tests.

Paris Bastille Day celebration honors alliance with US

Associated Press

PARIS — President Emmanuel Macron went all out Friday to win over President Donald Trump and the entire American people, making France’s annual Bastille Day festivities not only a celebration of French national pride but also of friendship between the U.S. and its oldest ally, France.

Macron invited Trump as the guest of honor for France’s national holiday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I. The two men sat side by side with their wives, speaking animatedly as American and French warplanes roared above the Champs-Élysées.

The parade coupled traditional displays of military might with a look at wars past and present — and a nod to the U.S. role in both.

Eight U.S. Air Force fighter jets roared overhead along with nine Alphajets of the famous “Patrouille de France,” which opened the air parade. A few minutes later, a joint detachment of 145 U.S. Army

and Navy troops and Marines opened the lengthy ground parade. Five of them wore World War I uniforms.

At the end of the ceremony, the two presidential couples walked down from the stand at Place de la Concorde where they had been sitting and stood in front of giant French and American flags that were unfurled by soldiers. The two men shook hands and embraced, then clasped their hands together for a while before Trump was whisked away in his motorcade.

Macron, in a speech near the end of the event, thanked the U.S. for intervening in World War I and said the fact that Trump was at his side “is the sign of a friendship across the ages” — which began when France sent troops to fight alongside the colonists in the American Revolution.

“And that is why I wish to thank them, thank the United States for the choice it made 100 years ago,” he said.

Macron also said that the U.S. and France are firm friends, and “this is why nothing will ever separate us.”

Plane came within feet of hitting 2 waiting to take off

Associated Press

An Air Canada plane with 140 people on board came within 100 feet of crashing onto two of four planes lined up to take off at San Francisco International Airport last week, according to a preliminary report Canadian air safety regulators released Thursday.

The finding provided the first official accounting of how close the Air Canada plane came to causing what could have been one of the worst disasters in commercial aviation history.

Instead of lining up to land

on the runway, the pilot of the flight from Toronto mistakenly descended toward a parallel taxiway just to the right of where four other airliners were idling in the darkness. Taxiways are the aviation equivalent of feeder roads that planes use to roll between runways and terminals, and have different lights than runways.

Canada’s Transportation Safety Board released a short summary of the July 7 incident, which U.S. authorities are still investigating. The summary said Air Canada Flight 759 had already traveled one-quarter of

a mile over the taxiway before aborting the landing.

As the Airbus 320 pulled up sharply it flew 100 feet over the first two jets, 200 feet above the third and 300 feet over the fourth, the summary said. It then circled and landed safely.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board, which is heading the investigation, has not released any information.

Transportation Safety Board of Canada spokesman Chris Krepski said he could not confirm the source of the data in the document, which was released as part of a “daily noti-

fication log” of safety incidents that Canadian air operators are obliged to report.

According to the report released Thursday, the plane at that point was less than a mile from the taxiway. It would have been flying well over 100 mph.

The controller assured the pilot there is no one on the runway. Seconds later, another voice — apparently one of the pilots on the taxiway — interjects, “Where’s this guy going? He’s on the taxiway.”

At that point, the controller ordered the Air Canada jet to pull up.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Trooper answers bovine call but animal escapes

SC BOILING SPRINGS — A young bull remains on the loose despite a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper's best efforts to corral him.

Media outlets reported the trooper responded Tuesday to a call of the animal roaming through a neighborhood in Boiling Springs. Photographs show the trooper staring down the bull.

The bull ran into the yard of Cindi Knox and Phillip Ledesma. The trooper called for backup from other agencies, but the bull ran into the woods.

Highway Patrol spokesman Joe Hovis said loose animal calls aren't uncommon, but the trooper's attempt to wrangle the bull was a step above an ordinary response.

Woman demands drugs back after her arrest

NH SALEM — Police said a New Hampshire woman out on bail following a drug possession arrest returned to the police station hours later demanding her drugs be returned and was arrested on another charge.

An officer told Emily Morin, 26, of Concord, N.H., he wouldn't be handing her the Suboxone, which police said was seized as evidence during her arrest stemming from a shoplifting incident Tuesday. The officer said he saw Morin get into a car and start to drive away. Earlier, police had determined Morin's license and registration were suspended. The officer stopped her and arrested her.

Morin was arraigned Wednesday on charges of driving after suspension, breach of bail, and resisting arrest in addition to drug and willful concealment charges.

Police: Man ran from traffic stop, hid in tree

MA ATTLEBORO — Police said a Massachusetts man ran from a traffic stop and hid in a tree to avoid arrest.

Police told The Sun Chronicle they attempted to stop Paul Pereira, 36, for speeding Monday morning. Police said Pereira eventually stopped around 2 a.m. and ran from his car. City and state police were able to locate Pereira in a tree with the help of a state police dog.

Police said Pereira was treated at a hospital for a sprained left ankle and scratches to his arms. He is facing charges that include driving with a revoked license, failing to stop for police and speeding.

Thieves go big, abscond with very small house

KS PITTSBURG — Thieves targeting a so-called tiny home in Missouri decided to go big — and steal the whole house.

The Joplin Globe reported Missouri resident Lisa Stubblefield left the structure in a roped-off area in Springfield, Mo., last week for the Food Truck Showdown. When she arrived for the festivities Saturday morning, it was gone.

Stubblefield said she's surprised someone targeted the building, which is 13 feet tall and looks like a small house, complete with a covered porch but has no plumbing. It's designed to be a mobile clothing boutique.

Stubblefield's Facebook post about the theft was shared more than 5,000 times, and eventually caught the attention of a woman in Pittsburg, Kan., a town about 90 miles west. Police found the house there the next day.

Foe of Venezuela's government bites diner

NY NEW YORK — A diner at one of New York's best-known steakhouses was bitten on the arm during a protest against Venezuela's socialist government.

El Nuevo Herald reported that a woman was assaulted at Peter Luger Steak House in Brooklyn on Sunday while she dined with Rafael Ramirez, Venezuela's representative to the United Nations. The Miami-based Spanish-language newspaper reported that two activists confronted Ramirez and called him a murderer.

The protesters blame the government of President Nicolas Maduro for violent clashes that have killed dozens.

Police said the steakhouse confrontation is under investigation. The woman who was bitten declined medical treatment.

Turkey that strutted in traffic gets memorial

MI YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP — A wild turkey that for months made a busy Michigan intersection its home is being memorialized after being struck by a vehicle.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley said the turkey known as Whittaker was hit on July 3 and was euthanized due to severe injuries. The bird's cremated remains are being buried Thursday near the intersection in Ypsilanti Township where he approached cars — and often pecked at them.

The Ann Arbor News reported Whittaker gained notoriety for strutting in the streets and stopping traffic in the community.

The Detroit News reported money was raised for an engraved brick as a permanent memorial.

Man trapped in ATM slips notes for help

TX CORPUS CHRISTI — A Texas man who was trapped inside an ATM slipped notes to customers via the receipt slot pleading for them to help him escape, police said Thursday.

The contractor became stuck Wednesday when he was changing a lock to a Bank of America room that leads to the back of the ATM, Corpus Christi police Lt. Chris Hooper said. He couldn't let himself out because he didn't have a keycard on him and was unable to notify bank employees.

"Apparently he left his cell phone and the swipe card he needed to get out of the room outside in his truck," Hooper said.

When he realized customers were retrieving cash from the machine, he passed notes to them through the receipt slot.

Some customers appeared to dismiss the notes as a gag, Hooper said. But one called police, who detected a faint voice coming from inside the ATM. An officer kicked in the door to the room and freed the man.

Bishop offers prayer for frustrated commuters

NY ROCKVILLE CENTRE — A Catholic bishop is offering prayers for New York-area commuters facing a "Summer of Hell."

Long Island Bishop John Barres is posting daily one-minute spiritual messages on a video-blog.

Maybe it's working. So far, few widespread problems have been reported following Gov. Andrew Cuomo's initial "hell" prediction.

Earlier this week, an infrastructure project began at Penn Station.

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Rookies making impact for teams

Associated Press

Kyle Schwarber, Carlos Correa and Trea Turner each came up from the minors before the All-Star break and had a strong second half to catapult their teams into the postseason over the past two years.

Which rookies can make the biggest impact down the stretch this year?

Aaron Judge, Cody Bellinger, Andrew Benintendi, Trey Mancini and Yuli Gurriel are excluded because they've been in the majors since April.

Here are five potential difference-makers who were called up after May 1:

Bradley Zimmer **Cleveland Indians, CF**

Zimmer was recalled May 16 after the Indians placed a third outfielder on the disabled list and the 2014 first-round pick is here to stay. Zimmer is batting .285 with five homers, 25 RBIs and nine steals in 49 games. The Indians are 27-22 since his arrival and lead the AL Central by 2½ games over Minnesota. Zimmer can be a key to helping Cleveland repeat as AL champ.

Clint Frazier **New York Yankees, OF**

Frazier is batting .292 (7-for-24) with six extra-base hits, including three homers, since being called up July 1 following a rash of injuries in the Bronx. Acquired last July in the trade that sent reliever Andrew Miller to Cleveland, Frazier made news in spring training because he was reluctant to cut his long red curls. Now, New York's top prospect is making headlines for his performance. If Frazier returns to Triple-A when Matt Holliday comes off the disabled list, it won't be long before he's back in the majors. The Yankees are 3½ games behind first-place Boston in the AL East and tied atop the wild-card standings. Frazier could give the lineup an extra boost

in September.

Ian Happ **Chicago Cubs, 2B/OF**

Happ came up to the majors on May 13, less than two years after he was selected with the ninth overall pick in the first round. He's been so impressive for the defending World Series champions that manager Joe Maddon has not only kept him in the lineup but batted him clean-up over the weekend behind reigning NL MVP Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo. Happ is hitting .257 with 13 homers and 31 RBIs in only 183 at-bats. The Cubs are 5½ games behind NL Central-leading Milwaukee and Happ's bat could carry them in the second half.

Jacob Faria **Tampa Bay Rays, P**

Faria has been outstanding for the Rays since coming up June 7, going 4-0 with a 2.11 ERA in six starts. The right-hander has been an excellent addition to a solid rotation and he's helped Tampa stay in the mix in the AL East. The Rays are tied with the Yankees, 3½ games behind Boston. Faria has delivered six quality starts, giving the Rays a chance to win every fifth day.

Paul DeJong **St. Louis Cardinals, 2B/SS**

DeJong finished off an impressive six-week stretch with a record-setting performance over the weekend. He had seven extra-base hits against the Mets, becoming the first rookie since 1900 with more than six in a series. DeJong is batting .313 with nine homers and 20 RBIs in 36 games since his debut on May 28. The Cardinals are 5½ games behind the Brewers in the NL Central. DeJong, who came up when Kolten Wong was injured, has helped them stay in contention in a mediocre division. A strong second half could get St. Louis over the top.

Cubs acquire Quintana from White Sox in trade

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs found the pitching help they were looking for just a few miles from Wrigley Field. They hope it will give the scuffling team the kick it needs.

The defending World Series champions acquired left-handed ace Jose Quintana from the White Sox on Thursday in a major trade between cross-town rivals that could shake up the NL Central race.

By landing the 2016 All-Star, the Cubs made it clear they're not giving up on a difficult season after arriving at the break two games under .500. They also added a pitcher who figures to be a key piece in the rotation for at least the next few years.

"We had a bad first half," Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said. "We did. We own that. We know we can do better."

The Cubs trail Milwaukee by 5½ games in the division at 43-45 after ending a 108-year championship drought last fall. They believe they are set up to contend for years to come with stars such as Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo.

By trading for Quintana, they brought in an elite starter who is under club control through 2020. They had to give up two top prospects in outfielder Eloy Jimenez and right-handed pitcher Dylan Cease along with minor league infielders Matt Rose and Bryant Flete.

Quintana has pitched better lately after a slow start and is 4-8 with a 4.49 ERA in 18 starts this season. He won a career-high 13 games last season with a personal-best 3.20 ERA while making his first All-Star team and is 50-54 with a 3.51 ERA since debuting with the White Sox in 2012. White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said letting him go was a difficult choice.

"He's a true professional who had to deal with everything from poor run support to the bullpen occasionally

letting him down, the defense letting him down," Hahn said. "He certainly never complained, never threw his arms up in the air, never rolled his eyes, never expressed any displeasure with his teammates. Instead, he was always supportive and continued to go about his business and set a wonderful example for the other young players in our clubhouse."

Epstein called the White Sox a "surprising dance partner" because of their proximity. But the deal makes sense given each other's needs.

Quintana joins a team that came into the season expected to dominate again on the heels of a 103-win season.

Instead, the Cubs are struggling to come through with big hits. They are batting .230 with runners in scoring position — 27th in the majors. And the starting rotation has been shaky, with a 4.66 ERA that ranks 17th in the majors.

Ace Jon Lester got pounded by Pittsburgh for 10 runs in two-thirds of an inning in his most recent start. Jake Arrieta, the 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner, has been inconsistent. Kyle Hendricks has been sidelined since June 4 because of tendinitis in his right hand, and John Lackey has a 5.20 ERA.

Quintana is scheduled to make his Cubs debut at Baltimore on Sunday.

"We know we're getting a very quality, a very consistent starting pitcher who's also a great person and great teammate," Epstein said. "He couldn't be a better fit for our situation."

Epstein initially thought the chances of trading for Quintana were slim. He said the White Sox asked for reigning NL MVP Bryant when he inquired about a deal for All-Star pitcher Chris Sale in the offseason. Though they paid a high price in prospects, the Cubs didn't have to include any current major leaguers to get Quintana.

Federer, Cilic move into Wimbledon final

Associated Press

LONDON — Roger Federer is here once more, back in a Wimbledon final for the 11th time, back on the verge of an eighth championship at the All England Club, more than any man has collected in the storied, century-plus history of the place.

Nearly 36, and a father of four, Federer continued his resurgent season and unchallenged run through the fortnight by conjuring just enough brilliance to beat 2010 Wimbledon runner-up Tomas Berdych 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-4 on Friday.

Federer has won every set

he's played in this year's tournament and while he did not dominate the semifinal, he was never in much trouble. On Sunday, he will face 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic, who reached his first final at the All England Club by eliminating 24th-seeded Sam Querrey of the U.S. 6-7 (6), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-5 with the help of 25 aces and some terrific returning.

Since equaling Pete Sampras and William Renshaw (who played in the 1880s) with a seventh title at Wimbledon, Federer has come this close before to No. 8. But he lost to Novak Djokovic in the 2014 and 2015 finals.

Now he gets another chance.

Federer would be the oldest man to win Wimbledon in the Open era, which dates to 1968.

Also noteworthy: This is Federer's second major final of 2017. After taking off the last half of last year while letting a surgically repaired left knee heal, he won the Australian Open in January for his record-extending 18th Grand Slam trophy.

Now only Cilic stands in his way at Wimbledon. They met in the quarterfinals a year ago, when Federer came all the way back after dropping the first two sets to win in five.

They love their history

around these parts, and they love Federer, and above all, they love watching him make history. Spectators roared at many of his best offerings against Berdych, who was seeded 11th.

Trailing 3-2 in the third set, for example, Federer faced a couple of break points at 15-40. He couldn't have done much more than he did to extricate himself from that sticky situation: ace at 107 mph, ace at 116 mph, service winner at 120 mph, ace at 119 mph.

And in the very next game, he surged to a 4-3 lead by breaking Berdych.

That was pretty much that.

Fortnight is to tennis what the Masters is to golf

Associated Press

LONDON — When Masters champion Sergio Garcia sat in the Royal Box at Wimbledon last week, he showed up in his green jacket from Augusta National. Seemed fitting.

The tennis and golf tournaments seem to be each other's counterparts in many ways, starting with the reverence in which they're held — and the steps the private clubs that run them take to cultivate the events' images. There's a reason kids grow up pretending they're serving for the match on Centre Court at the All England Club or attempting a putt on the 18th green at Augusta National.

"This tournament has a special place in players' careers. In this sport, there's so much weight behind it and significance about it. The aura of Wimbledon has probably always been the strongest of any ... tournament," three-time champion Novak Djokovic said. "I'm sure that most of the players on the tour, if not all, feel that."

Sam Querrey certainly does. The 29-year-old Californian, who played Marin Cilic of Croatia in the men's semifinals on Friday, made a point of noting

that he was thrilled to have the best Grand Slam performance of his career at Wimbledon.

There's no other place he'd rather have that sort of success.

"In my opinion, it's the best tournament. It's like the Masters for golf. Everything about it is unique and fun. The grounds are immaculate. ... It feels like a 'bucket list' thing, not only to players but to fans, more so than the other three Slams," Querrey said. "It's had that aura around it for a long time. Hopefully that will continue on."

So what is it about Wimbledon that earned that status?

"I can't name one thing. It's just nicer. Attention to detail in the locker rooms, in the food area, the practice courts," Querrey said. "Everything is just perfect, in a way."

As Francesca Schiavone, an Italian who won the 2010 French Open and says here appreciation for Wimbledon has grown in recent years, put it: "Who wouldn't want to play at this tournament?"

Part of the appeal of Wimbledon — a tournament now known simply as The Championships, it first was contested in 1877, when Spencer Gore beat William Marshall 6-1, 6-2, 6-4

for the title — and the Masters, which "only" dates to 1934, is a sense of stepping back in time.

The All England Club is the only major tennis tournament that still uses grass courts, which in itself is anachronistic: That once was also the surface for the U.S. Open and Australian Open, but decades ago. It's the only one with rules mandating all-white attire for players. The only one with no play planned for the fortnight's middle Sunday (last year was only the fourth time in the tournament's lengthy history that rain in Week 1 necessitated scheduling matches on that day). The only one without advertising signs at the courts.

Instead, the tournament's 13 official "partners," as they're called — "They're very much partners, not sponsors," said Mick Desmond, the All England Club's commercial director — are made a part of the event's fabric more naturally. The bottled water players drink, for example. Or a particular alcoholic beverage similar to a wine cooler that's sold to spectators.

"We're not going to change our strategy on that. Wimbledon wouldn't be Wimbledon," Desmond said. "The fans here and the fans around the world

know who our partners are. You don't have to knock somebody on the head and put banners in their face every 5 seconds. ... It's not in our DNA."

There's a similar philosophy at Augusta National, and the two clubs trade notes on best practices.

"We share the same kind of view — that we are big annual tournaments that are hosted in the same venue each year and have clarity in terms of what our brand is. And I respect what they do, too," Desmond said. "I think it's probably the reasons we are the premium brands in both our sports."

At the Masters, there is no running on the golf course. No cell phones are allowed on property during the tournament's four rounds. Caddies are required to wear white coveralls with a green number on the front that corresponds with when their player checked in; the defending champion's caddie always wears "1." There are only 4 minutes of TV commercials per hour.

Each event also is proud of its idiosyncrasies. Wimbledon has its strawberries and cream, and the "pop" of Champagne corks in the stands. The Masters has its Pimiento cheese and egg salad sandwiches.

Mayweather, McGregor exchange barbs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Floyd Mayweather Jr. tossed \$1 bills in Conor McGregor's face. McGregor waved Jay Z's new CD in Mayweather's direction and quoted a Biggie Smalls lyric as some sort of warning shot.

The rest?

The fashionably late fighters treated fans who'd waited hours for the latest stop in a promotional tour to about 30 minutes of profanities, crude cracks about body parts, and, well, a steady stream of even more f-bombs.

If Mayweather and McGregor turned their latest showdown into a true PPV — pay-per-vulgarity — they'd collect a few million bucks before they even hit the ring for their Aug. 26 fight.

All this commotion — a DJ and rapper Doug E. Fresh warmed up the crowd of 13,165 — for a press conference.

"If it even is a press conference," McGregor cracked. "It's a bit of a roasting."

McGregor, who turns 29 on Friday, was the picture of cool as he walked the red carpet inside Barclays Center. The UFC star wore floral pants, sunglasses and ditched a shirt for a white fur coat he bought ear-

lier in the day in a Fifth Avenue shopping spree.

He could afford the outlandish outfit. McGregor and Mayweather will earn perhaps nine-figure paydays while fight fans will be charged \$100 to watch on TV in high def and can't get into the arena for anything less than a \$500 face-value ticket — if they're lucky.

But in New York, where a "Hamilton" seat can cost you a rent check, there's still a deal to be found — even in the fight game.

The fight angling to become the richest in sports history is offering fans a bargain-basement price for this weeklong smack-talking circus: Free. It's the cleanest four-letter word uttered by the Irish sensation McGregor and the undefeated boxer Mayweather during a foul-mouthed promotional tour that stopped Thursday in New York. They had made stops in Los Angeles and Toronto.

"When I wake up in the morning, I forget that I'm famous," the 40-year-old Mayweather said.

He got a reminder in Brooklyn.

Fans lined outside the home of the Brooklyn Nets and New York Islanders hours be-

fore they were allowed inside the arena. They flocked in TMT gear or draped themselves in Irish flags as they waited for the pair to start trading insults weeks before they exchange blows.

Jon McFaul, 28 of South Jersey, ordered his ticket online not long after they were made available to the public. McFaul and his friends showed up at noon for their shot at being among the first through the doors.

McFaul, a McGregor fan, said he'll watch the fight with friends to split the \$99.95 bill for the high-definition pay-per-view.

"You're bringing the best of two worlds together," he said. "But I think the press conference is going to be better than the fight itself."

Tickets were free and a limited number were still available at the box office about 5 hours before showtime. But security turned fans away 30 minutes later and told them there were no more available.

They could have turned to the web: eBay had press conference tickets available for \$50 for the Brooklyn tour stop and were going for about \$80 for the final one in London.

Briefly

France's Barquill wins Tour stage on Bastille Day

Associated Press

FOIX, France — Warren Barguil delivered to France a stylish victory on its national day Friday, winning a fast and furious truncated Stage 13 where Fabio Aru had to work hard to retain his overall race lead.

Barguil rode into the finish in Foix as part of a four-man group and took the win with a final sprint after adeptly negotiating the last U-bend on a bridge over the Ariège river.

At 63 miles, the stage from Saint-Girons was the shortest of the race, barring the two time-trials. With three Pyrenees climbs, it delivered exactly what Tour organizers were hoping for: full-on racing, with the French victory on Bastille Day as the cherry on top.

Brewers get Webb from Yanks

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers acquired left-handed reliever Tyler Webb from the New York Yankees on Thursday for minor league first baseman Garrett Cooper.

Webb had a 4.50 ERA in seven appearances this year season with the Yankees without recording a decision.

Webb made his big league debut on June 24 after going 3-1 with a 3.24 ERA in 21 games at Triple-A. He turns 27 next week.

Cooper was batting .366 with 17 homers and 82 RBIs at Triple-A.

In other baseball news:

■ Chicago White Sox reliever Nate Jones underwent season-ending arm surgery Thursday.

Sidelined since April 28 be-

cause of inflammation in his right elbow, he experienced discomfort during a throwing session last week.

Lakers rookie Ball posts triple-double

Lonzo Ball had another strong performance in the NBA Summer League, this time in another brand of footwear.

Ball's Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 94-83 in tournament play on Thursday. A night after a 36-point, eight-rebound, 11-assist performance, Ball had 16 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds against Cleveland.

Thursday's winners advanced to the quarterfinal round on Saturday with Portland playing San Antonio, Miami facing Memphis, Dallas against Boston and the Lakers

meeting Brooklyn.

Wizards match Nets' offer to F Porter

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards matched the Brooklyn Nets' \$106 million, four-year offer sheet to keep forward Otto Porter, making him the team's highest-paid player.

Team president Ernie Grunfeld announced the move Thursday. Under NBA rules, the Wizards had two days to match Brooklyn's offer sheet for the 24-year-old restricted free agent.

Porter's new deal puts his salary ahead of guards Bradley Beal and John Wall. He set career highs with 13.4 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.5 steals and shooting and three-point percentages of .516 and .434 last season, his fourth as a professional.