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May 29, 2013

## The Write Stuff



Dear Owen,

I can't tell you how many days and nights I spent in Baltimore's **Memorial Stadium**, but a box of Orioles ticket stubs in my baseball memorabilia collection has some tales to tell. And as much as I knew the words inscribed on the stadium's facade, "As a Memorial to All Who so Valiantly Fought and Served in the World Wars with Eternal Gratitude to Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice to Preserve Equality and Freedom Throughout the World. TIME WILL NOT DIM THE GLORY OF THEIR DEEDS," I never knew the full story until I sat in on the Veterans and Military Families Caucus as a delegate to last year's Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

The caucus was one of the highlights of my week at the DNC as hundreds of us filled the room to be embraced by a panel of veterans and families of veterans. Christine Pelosi capped the agenda, recalling the military legacy of her own family, including her great uncle Johnny D'Alesandro, who died in The Battle of the Bulge.

Pelosi' grandfather, Tommy D'Alesandro, Jr., was the longtime mayor of Baltimore, and was instrumental in getting the Orioles to Baltimore in 1954, coming to the banks of the Chesapeake Bay from St. Louis, where they had been the Browns. The people of Baltimore wanted to name the stadium after the mayor, but D'Alesandro

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### UPCOMING EVENTS



★ [Congresswoman Diana DeGette's Town Hall, 2950 Tennyson St. in Denver, Thursday, May 30th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.](#)

★ [Deadline to Guarantee "Book of Mormon" Tickets, Friday, May 31st at noon.](#)  
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preferred that if the stadium was to honor anyone, it honor his brother and the other veterans who had served their country overseas in the armed forces.

As someone who had some of my earliest birthday parties at Memorial Stadium while another war was being fought in Vietnam, I came of age with a different perspective about war. But when I registered for the draft on my 18th birthday, and as I matured and came to know veterans as friends, as past and present classmates, as colleagues and students, my perspective enlarged to fully recognize the debt I owed to men and women who love their country enough to risk their life for it.

I wanted to [share a few videos from the caucus with you](#), and I would highlight my video of Tammy Duckworth's remarks as one of the most stirring speeches of the convention, even though it was given far from the lights of television cameras and removed from the massive crowds and attention the prime time appearances boasted.

At the time, Duckworth was a candidate for Congress from Illinois' 8th Congressional District, and she told the caucus of her experience as one of the first women to fly combat missions in Iraq. The helicopter she was piloting in 2004 was shot down, and she lost both of her legs. As she recalls, she should have been left for dead.

"That morning I was the highest ranking member of my group," Duckworth told us. "At the end of the day I was the weakest link. You never know in your life, whether today, you're the top 1%, or whether you may need a helping hand. Let's be there for each other."

Today, Duckworth is there for us in Congress, and the values she brought with her from her military experience remain a touchstone for all of us who recognize that even the most secure of us can become vulnerable. Duckworth is a heroine, but as she points out, she didn't get there on her own power. She relied on those around her, who got her out of harm's way and back home, where, in the words of Rob Diamond, she decided to stand and serve her country again.

My own family has its own legacy of service, from my father who served in the navy in World War II, my grandfathers on both sides, who served in the army (Dad's dad) and air force (Mom's dad) in World War I, my uncle and great uncles, and my great-great-grandfather, Hiram E. Perkins, who served as a Captain from the 8th Vermont, fighting for the North in the Civil War, and later volunteered to become a Major in the 1st Regiment of the Louisiana Native Guards, leading an all black Union unit starting in 1863.

★ [Baker Bonanza -- House Districts 2 and 5 Yard Sale](#), Saturday, June 1st from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

★ [House District 2 Democrats Monthly Meeting - Friends Meeting House, 2280 S. Columbine in Denver](#), Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m.

## VIDEO OF PAST EVENTS

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★ [Campaign Kickoff and Birthday Bash at the Bonnet](#), May 22, 2013

★ [Speaker Mark Ferrandino's Legislative Summary with the Denver Young Dems and DU Dems](#), May 21, 2013

★ [House District 2's Monthly Meeting](#), May 18, 2013

★ [Veterans and Military Family's Caucus, Democratic National Convention](#), September 3, 2012

★ [Colorado's First Civil Union Ceremony](#), May 1, 2013

★ [House District 2's Day at the Capitol](#), April 26, 2013

★ [Colorado Social Legislation Committee's Forum on Homelessness](#), April 22, 2013

★ [House District 2 Monthly Meeting](#), April 20, 2013



I'm proud of my family's heritage serving our country -- and even more proud of my father's opposition to the Vietnam War and to the proliferation of atomic and nuclear weapons. I value the perspective I grew up with, and the commitment to peace that was embodied in the heroes of my youth. And I'm proud of what our country and Colorado has done to honor the covenant we hold with our veterans, extending healthcare, job, and education benefits to troops as they come home, learning from our past and ensuring, as Diamond pointed out, "that we never again face a generation of forgotten warriors and families."

I hope Memorial Day Weekend offered you a chance to reflect on those who offered valiant service and a model for love of country, and I invite you to share in the memorable caucus from Charlotte [by clicking here to see the videos from last summer.](#)

*If you'd like to read my father's speech from 1967 calling for nuclear disarmament, "Too Late for Antique Vows," [please click here.](#)*

### Last Call for *The Book of Mormon*

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I've actually kept it quiet of late, but I do still have a handful of tickets to see *The Book of Mormon* through my November 20th fundraising night at the theater. I admit, I was initially skeptical about getting as many as 15 people to commit to attending this 9-time Tony Award winner with me, but after selling 50 tickets in

★ [Colorado Social Legislation Committee's Forum on Fracking, April 8, 2013](#)

★ [President Obama's Remarks on Gun Safety at the Denver Policy Academy, April 3, 2013](#)

### Thanks to My Birthday Bash at The Bonnet Hosts

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(host list in formation - add your name!)

- Lori Anderson and Lew Gaiter, Jr.
- Sarah Bradley
- Ray Ehrenstein and Jim Sample
- Frosty and Sam Frostman
- Lisa Hartman
- Janet Hartmann
- Arnold Krupat
- Nancy Larson
- Larry Latta
- Karen Lucas and Bob Barrett
- Denis Moynihan
- Tim Naylor
- Wells Obrecht
- Tom Parson
- Anne Perkins
- Pat Perkins
- Mary and Peter Peterson
- T.R. Reid
- Pete Smith
- Rex Stephenson
- Frank Sullivan
- Dianne Thiel
- Debra Turner-Kelly
- Tom Waxter
- Mike Worford

### Thanks to My Baseball Fundraiser Hosts

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(list in formation - add your name!)

- Kevin Brauer
- Susan Sanders

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**Thanks to My "Book of Mormon"**

two days, the theater gave me another block of tickets and extended my deadline until the end of May, **this Friday, May 31st.**

We now have **over 100 folks joining us** for this wonderful evening at the theater, and if you'd still like to join us, please do! You can make a secure payment by [clicking here for my Act Blue payment page](#), or you can contact me about writing a check. We've got excellent seats in the **center orchestra section on the floor** and in two sections of the balcony. I'd love to help you get to the show, and if I can help find a price that meets your budget, please let me know. If you'd like to join us, upgrade your seats, or add a friend or two to your party, **please touch base or [purchase your tickets by Friday, May 31st.](#)** I can't wait for November!

*Heavenly Hosts*

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*list in formation -  
add your name!)*

- Kevin Brauer*
- Judith Burke*
- Peggy Burnette*
- Elizabeth Harris*
- Brendon Hayden*
- Ana and Russell Kemp*
- Mohsen Pazirandeh*
- Kaye Siemers*
- Brian Stockmar*

**Baker Bonanza at Speaker Ferrandino's House This Saturday!**

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House District 2 has its biggest fundraiser of the year this coming Saturday, and we're taking volunteers and donations for the annual **Baker Bonanza Yard Sale.**

The Baker neighborhood should be bustling with as many as 30 different yard sales, so please come to **Speaker Mark Ferrandino's house at 217 W. 2nd Ave. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, June 1st.**

We are still accepting furniture, appliances, and unusual specialty items that might appeal to folks. We are not taking books, clothes, or toys.

If you'd like to donate items to the sale, you can bring them to Rita Simas' house on or before Friday, May 31st. Rita is 57 S. Pearl, and you can reach her at (720) 296-5303 to coordinate dropping off items, or to see about having someone pickup items from you. You can also just drop off items on her porch.

If you'd like to volunteer for a shift on Saturday, [please click here to sign-up.](#)

**Upcoming Events**

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- Please join Congresswoman Diana DeGette and the National Committee to PReserve Social Security and Medicare **this Thursday, May 30th** for a **Town Hall Conversation at the Tennyson Center for Children, 2950 Tennyson St. in Denver from 10 a.m. to 11**

- a.m. [Click here to RSVP](#), or just show up.
- As you may have heard, the successful and sensible gun safety legislation from 2013 legislative session have sparked four recall drives against Democratic leaders. The drive to recall Rep. Mike McLachlan failed, and the drive to recall Senator Evie Hudak was withdrawn, but **supporters are still working to defend Senate President John Morse and Senator Angela Giron**. Volunteers are meeting this weekend to help Senator Giron's "decline to sign" efforts, with 3-4 hours **shifts starting in Pueblo at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday**, starting at the Pueblo Dems Headquarters at 305 N. Santa Fe. Please contact Christopher at [ChristopherShallow@gmail.com](mailto:ChristopherShallow@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

## In Case You Missed It

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It's been a busy stretch around the district, and if you missed some of these recent events, I hope these videos keep you in the loop.

We had our monthly **House District 2** meeting two weeks ago, and got a great legislative wrap-up on an incredible session courtesy of Senator Pat Steadman. [Click here for video of remarks from Senator Steadman and Councilman Chris Nevitt](#).

And special congratulations to **Senator Steadman** for being recognized at a **White House ceremony** last week as a **Harvey Milk Champion of Change!** We've been lucky to have Senator Steadman representing Denver over the past four years, and we're proud to see him earn the national recognition he deserves for offering such inspired leadership here in Colorado.

Speaker Mark Ferrandino was out of town for our meeting, but he had a great event with the **Denver Young Dems** and the **DU Dems** last Tuesday. [For video of Speaker Ferrandino's legislative summary, please click here](#).

And finally, thanks to everyone who came out to make my **Campaign Kickoff and Birthday Bash at the Bonnet** such a success last week. For video highlights of special guest Ken Gordon's remarks, [please click here](#). Special thanks to all those who contributed at the host and co-host level (see sidebar on the right), and to the friends old and new who helped make the occasion a night to remember.

We're geared up to keep building momentum as the

calendar turns to June, and I can't wait to come knocking on your door. Drop me a note if you'd like to help, and feel free to offer a contribution any time using the button below.

I look forward to catching up with you soon, and I'm always eager to hear your thoughts and concerns about our neighborhoods, our district, and our state.  
Sincerely,

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