

that he would return safely home. So we had our folks to compose songs for us. And we're gonna try and carry these on. And one of these composers, I wanted you to meet him today because we had never brought him out before. He and his group were instrumental in composing many, many songs. One of the songs, for instance, is that we hear overseas, and this about the Battle of the Bulge. With these songs, you can almost smell the gun powder. It has a special understanding for we veterans. And we want these people to know we appreciate. And when you are physically exhausted, tried, and homesick, and you know that your people are thinking about you, it does give you extra strength. And so here we are today, singing about those campaigns. Of course, thinking about our buddies who fell, and the same time rejoicing that we have people who think a lot of us. And while we are on journey overseas or wherever the area, like on Iwa Jima, one of the men, one of the members here, a Kiowa veteran, was an eye witness to the flag raising in /word not clear/ Iwo Jima. And one of these songs tells about that story. This gives you an idea of what these songs tells about that story. This gives you an idea of what these songs are about, if you don't understand. I'm sure you can understand the spirit in which we sing these songs. Every major campaign that you can think of in World War II, and even World War I, Korea Conflict, Viet Nam, our elders have composed songs of inspiration to strengthen our spirit and hope. And we want you to meet this man today. His name is Louis Toyebo, and will you remain standing, please, and raise your hand. In front of the speakers stand, Mr. Louis Toyebo, the composer of many, many inspirational War Mothers songs. (applause) Thank you. And incidentally, let me just add one more thought. Recently, I was privileged to represent the Kiowa Tribe on our National Convention to Alaska. And when we were on the North Float (?)