

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 18, 2008

Message from County Executive Walker

Two members of the FOX Company were lost in Iraq this week. While neither of them lived in Milwaukee County, the FOX Company operates out of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Milwaukee.

This is also the group that lost five members during the first deployment to Iraq. There is a special memorial for those five Marines at the Milwaukee County War Memorial. Now, sadly, there will be a need to honor two more Marines. Let us never forget Cpl. Richard Nelson and Lance Cpl. Dean Opicka.

As I did when the first group deployed, I was there when the FOX Company left from the reserve center again last year. Many were Marines who were back for a second tour of duty.

We will remember to pray for the families and friends of our departed Marines. And we should continue to think of the families and friends of those who are currently deployed in Iraq and around the world.

Scott



Walker Inauguration



County Executive Walker, pictured above with his family taking the Oath of Office administered by Chief Judge Kitty Brennan, celebrated his inauguration Monday at the Milwaukee County War Memorial. Also participating were Medal of Honor recipient Mr. Gary Wetzel, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, Bruce Guadalupe Middle School Jazz Band, choirs from Messmer schools, and Rev. John W. McVicker, Sr. Link to full speech:

http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/countyExecutive/County_Exec_Swearing_In_Speech.pdf

UCC 2nd Grade Visit



County Executive Walker joined the 2nd grade class at the United Community Center for lunch and a walk around the neighboring park.

Aurora St. Luke's Hyperbaric Chamber



Walker (3rd from left) at ribbon-cutting with Sue Ela, Ald. Bob Donovan, Rep. Josh Zepnick, Doctors Jeff Niezgod and Jack Simanonok, and Mary O'Brien of Aurora.

Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center celebrated the arrival of the country's second-largest hyperbaric chamber on Thursday. The 52-foot long pressurized chamber will accommodate up to 24 patients at one time and is used in part for treatment of burns, radiation tissue damage, smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning.

The new chamber was designed with input from patients and includes natural lighting, relaxing colors, climate control, entertainment systems and a restroom.

Marcus Center Lights up the Night



County Executive Walker thanked Chris Abele of the Argosy Foundation for leading the effort for exterior lighting at the Marcus Center that artfully combines colors from Georgia O'Keefe's floral paintings.

Titanic Exhibit coming to the Public Museum



County Executive Walker addresses the staff and media. Artifacts on display for the announcement included the above-pictured porthole with glass intact and a \$10 bill from 1912.

County Executive Walker joined Milwaukee Public Museum Director Dan Finley, County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, and Cheryl Muré – Director of Education for the exhibition - to announce the upcoming attraction: *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* to open October 10th. Tickets available beginning July 19: www.mpm.edu.

Boerner Botanical Event



County Executive Walker demonstrated the tools for this weekend's Great American Cleanup and Celebration of Trees planting at Boerner Botanical Gardens and Wehr Nature Center. Artists from Artists Working in Education were on hand to show items children can make at the event. See countyparks.com for details.