



The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47th Congressional District
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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This past week, I, along with the rest of the world, was horrified to witness the videotaped beheading of a second American journalist, Steven Sotloff, by the terrorist group ISIS. Two weeks earlier, the group also murdered American journalist James Foley, and now threatens to do the same to another British journalist they are holding captive.

These murders, like many of the violent tactics used by ISIS to instill fear, are barbaric. While ISIS frames everything they do in a religious ideology, these are not religious people. They are a murderous totalitarian group.

I agree with Secretary of State John Kerry, who made clear following Steven Sotloff's murder that those responsible will be held accountable in the United States, "no matter how long it takes."

On The Hill

LB Breakwater Damage

Since it was built in the 1940s, the three-section federal breakwater stretching from San Pedro to Long Beach Harbor has protected the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, as well as the Long Beach coastline, from storms and the waves they generate.

Last week, a storm surge caused by Hurricane Marie inflicted a great deal of damage along the Southern California coast. The middle section of the breakwater, which sits directly in front of the Port of Long Beach, was hit especially hard. The powerful waves caused damage to numerous locations along the middle breakwater, including punching three large holes completely through. The holes led to further damage within the port from wave action and forced the closure of several cargo terminals during the storm surge.

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Given the gruesome beheading of two American journalists by ISIS, how do you think the U.S. should react (multiple answers allowed)?

Provide full military backing with ground troops

Provide advisors and air support, and seek international support

No ground forces, but provide military equipment and humanitarian supplies to local groups

No ground forces and provide no support

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While the holes in the breakwater remain unrepaired, further storm surges, like the one expected this weekend, could cause significant property damage to the port and economic damage to the region and nation by halting cargo operations.

The middle portion of the breakwater is a vital protection for the port and must be repaired. My office is working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assess the damage and get repairs completed as quickly as possible.

In The 47th District

Visit With STARBASE Students

This week, I had the great privilege to visit with STARBASE students at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. STARBASE is a nationwide Department of Defense program that uses a hands-on approach to teach STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects to 5th graders.

As a former professor, it was great to be back in a classroom talking with students and answering their questions.



The program's curriculum, which not only teaches STEM subjects, but helps encourage further STEM learning outside the classroom, is exactly what students need to succeed in the 21st Century and what we need to keep our country competitive. To learn more about STARBASE follow this link: <http://dodstarbase.org/program-description>

Peace Corps Meeting

The Peace Corps is the preeminent international volunteer service organization in the United States. Formed in 1961 as a federal agency, the goal of the Peace Corps is to send Americans abroad to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world.

Serving as a Peace Corps volunteer helps provide significant positive impact in the countries the volunteers visit; helps volunteers become global citizens; provides service to their own country; and gives volunteers knowledge, experiences, and a global outlook they can share when they return home.

Cal State University Long Beach (CSULB) is one of the nation's leading educational institutions contributing volunteers to the Peace Corp. Over the years, close to 800 CSULB grads have served in the Peace Corps.

Because of this, it was my distinct pleasure to join Peace Corps Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and CSULB President Jane Close Conoley, along with several former and current Peace Corps volunteers, to talk with CSULB students and residents about service in the Peace Corps.

Peace Corps volunteers have been called “missionaries of democracy,” and I believe the work they do is not only a shining example to the host countries of what America stands for and believes, but a real benefit to the effort of bringing peace to the entire world.

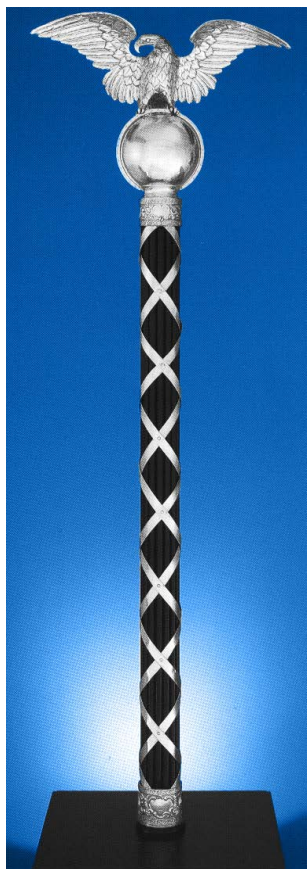
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Mace of the House of Representatives

In one of its first resolutions, the U.S. House of Representatives of the 1st Federal Congress (April 14, 1789) established the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. The first Speaker of the House, Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania, approved the ceremonial mace (a scepter-like object) as the proper symbol of the Sergeant at Arms in carrying out the duties of this office.

The current mace has been in use since December 1, 1842. It was created by New York silversmith William Adams to replace the first one that was destroyed when the Capitol Building was burned during the War of 1812.

The ceremonial mace is 46 inches high and consists of 13 ebony rods – representing the original 13 states of the Union – bound together by silver strands criss-crossed over the length of the pole. Atop this shaft is a silver globe on which sits an intricately cast solid silver eagle.



At the start of each day when the House will be in session, the Sergeant carries the mace in front of the Speaker of the House, in procession to the rostrum. During session, the mace stands on a cylindrical pedestal of green marble to the Speaker's right. The House is not considered “in session” if the mace is not in place on the pedestal.

In accordance with the House Rules, on the rare occasion that a member becomes unruly, the Sergeant at Arms, upon order of the Speaker, lifts the mace from its pedestal and presents it before the offenders, thereby restoring order. While rare, the mace has actually been used for this purpose in the past, but not in the past three decades.

Last Week's Poll

Should the federal government provide financial assistance to those impacted by the recent 6.0 earthquake in the Bay Area?

43.3% Yes - Helping to rebuild the Bay Area helps the national economy

35.9% Maybe - But only short-term emergency loans to those who can prove damage

20.8% No - The federal government should not be involved

Thank you,



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