

Medal of Honor recipients gather on 9/11

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The meeting was scheduled more than two years ago, but the date — Sept. 11 — could not have been more appropriate or poignant for a gathering of the nation's Medal of Honor recipients.

Speakers and veterans at the annual convention of the Congressional Medal of Honor

Society praised rescue workers on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, saying they were even prouder to be American.

"Everybody's got a hero inside them," said Vietnam veteran and medal recipient John Baker, 57, of Columbia, S.C. "It's just a matter of where they are at the time."

Nearly 90 Medal of Honor

recipients, from wars dating back to World War II, attended the convention at Barksdale Air Force Base.

"This year we feel a little taller, a little prouder. We know we stood up after 9-11 and by standing up we were saying, 'America's alive and well,'" said Nick Bacon, 56, of Little Rock, Ark.

Bacon earned his medal in Vietnam — in the battle of Tam Ky — by driving, alone and in the face of machine gun fire, behind enemy lines, taking out enemy positions with grenades, signaling other positions to American gunners behind him, and pulling wounded Americans from the battlefield.

Returning the grey wolves to the wilderness

BEAVERHEAD, N.M. (AP) — Mike Miller watched from a rocky bluff as the female went down. The dart pierced her hip, its sedative seeping into her bloodstream. A half-hour later, after a pursuit along the canyon wall, he saw the gunner clip the male in the neck.

The cowboy felt a rush of elation. He had ridden out to Railroad Canyon in the thick of the Gila National Forest to watch as the feds swept down in their helicopter and scooped up the Pipestem wolves, named for a mountain near the spot where they were first set free.

He had come to celebrate one small victory in his and his neighbors' war against "el lobo" — sworn enemy of the cattle rancher for as long as there have been ranches in the West.

He had, unabashedly, come to gloat. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service first proposed reintroducing the Mexican gray wolf to the wilder-

So on a quiet spring morning after months of pursuing marauding predators, the wolf with the federal wildlife tag arrived to return them to the canyon.

"I was glad it was done," Mike Miller recalls, although relief was short-lived. This summer, a month after the Pipestem pair were released in the wild straddling the Arizona-Mexico border. At least a dozen wolves now roam the wooded mountains, and an unknown number have been born in the wild. Others have been freed down the road.

Sooner or later, this cowboy knows, "el lobo" will be back. It is considered the chance of a lifetime, the chance of a lifetime, the chance of a lifetime.

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— Debbie Miller
Cowboy's Wife

ness that connects Arizona and New Mexico, ranchers warned: Wolves and people cannot coexist, and wolves and cattle are a lethal combination.

This pair alone, Miller believes, killed 19 calves on the outfit he manages, although federal officials confirmed only two deaths. Some calves were too far gone to say for certain whether a wolf was the culprit.

They had come within a stone's throw of his home and his kids, terrifying his wife.

"I can handle the bears and the mountain lions and the bobcats," Debbie Miller says. "When you see them, they take off. They're scared of you. These wolves, they're not scared. And that's what scares me."

the lifesaving solution many of the nation's imperiled species.

"It's emergency room treatment," says Ed Bangoversees restoration of a gray wolf to the Rocky Mountains. "I got a patient that's dying. You want to save their life, do everything you can then you wheel in the patient."

Wildlife reintroduction become an integral part of the country's efforts to protect and restore endangered species. Without it, California condors would have vanished from the Western skies, the black-footed ferret disappeared from the prairies.

Family of rapper Volle Notorious B.I.G. releases document

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The family of rapper Notorious B.I.G. has released documents and an audiotape that they say prove he was in a New York recording studio the night rival Tupac Shakur was shot in Las Vegas.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was in Las Vegas the night Shakur was gunned down, and that he provided a Compton gang member with the murder weapon and promised to pay the gang \$1 million for the assassination.

The Times reported Wednesday that lawyers for Wallace's estate gave paperwork to MTV News in New York that placed Wallace at a studio the night of Sept. 7, 1996 — the same period when Shakur was shot. The rapper died six days later at 25.

A person who saw the documents said they suggest Wallace reserved the New York recording studio from 12:30 p.m. Sept. 7, 1996, until 4 a.m. the next day, the Times reported.

The family of Orlando Anderson, whom the Times identified as the gang member who shot Shakur, also issued a statement Tuesday denying Anderson played a role in the killing.

"Orlando Anderson did not murder Mr. Tupac Shakur," the statement said. "He did not accept money nor was he offered any money from Notorious B.I.G., nor anyone else, to perform such a heinous crime."

The family denied that

Anderson was a member of the Southside Crips street gang. Anderson died in May 1996 after a drug-related shooting in Compton car wash.

Lawyers and other representatives of the Wallace family declined requests from the newspaper to review the invoices. The studio records, which Wallace used in the music industry to bill artists for studio time, show Wallace was recording Daddy's House, which Sean Diddy Combs owns.

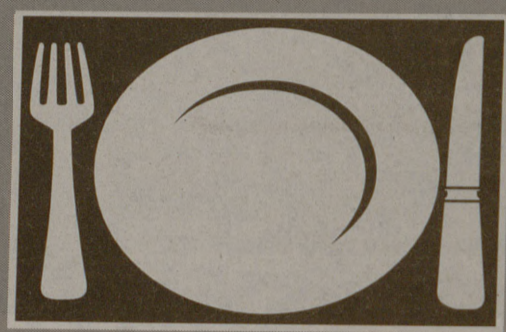
The invoices indicate Combs, then known as "Daddy," and another producer were at the studio, along with a few engineers. Combs declined to be interviewed by the newspaper.

Wallace was 24 when he was shot to death in Los Angeles months after Shakur's slaying. Police have made no arrests in either killing.

Wallace's family also issued a statement in which the rapper's former manager, Willie Barrow, said he was at Wallace in the studio the night Shakur was shot.

"No way was he in Las Vegas," Barrow said in a statement.

Wallace family lawyers gave MTV News a digital copy of a song called "Nasty Girl" which they say Wallace recorded the night Shakur was shot. In a two-part series last week the Times published findings from its yearlong investigation into Shakur's death and the police handling of the case.



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