

**Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**  
**“Contractor Misconduct and the Electrocution Deaths  
of American Soldiers in Iraq”**

Friday, July 11, 2008  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

**Witness Biographies**

**Cheryl Harris**

Mother of Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth

Cheryl Harris is the mother of Staff Sergeant Ryan Maseth, a former Green Beret who was electrocuted while showering in his barracks at the Radwanayah Palace Complex in Iraq in 2008. Ms. Harris is a resident of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.

**Larraine McGee**

Mother of Staff Sgt. Christopher Everett

Larraine McGee is the mother of Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Everett, who was electrocuted while power-washing a Humvee in Al Taqqadum, Iraq in 2005. Ms. McGee is a resident of Huntsville, Texas.

**Rachel McNeill**

U.S. Army Reservist

Sgt. Rachel McNeill has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserves since 2002. She served from January through December of 2005 in Iraq as a heavy construction equipment operator with the 983<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Battalion. Sgt. McNeill is a resident of Madison, Wisconsin.

**Debbie Crawford**

Former KBR Electrician

Debbie Crawford is a licensed, journeyman electrician with nearly 30 years experience in the trade. In 1979, she became the first woman in her local to become a journeyman electrician. She worked for KBR in the Green Zone in Iraq from July 2004 to July 2006. In her first year, she worked as an electrician performing electrical work and supervising local Iraqi electricians. In her second year, she worked as an Administrative Specialist in the same organization where one of her primary responsibilities was coordinating the department's safety program. Ms. Crawford is a resident of Battle Ground, Washington.

**Jefferey Bliss**  
Former KBR Electrician

Jefferey Bliss is a licensed electrician at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio. From 1985 until 1993, Mr. Bliss served as an electrician in the U.S. Navy, where he worked on Amphibious Assault ships and taught electronics at the Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center in San Diego. He worked for KBR in Afghanistan, as a field combat electrician, from 2005 until 2006. Mr. Bliss is a resident of Clyde, Ohio.