

## Lake County

### SunnySide



## Gurnee resident performs on Capitol Hill

**W**hile tourists with children in tow stream to our nation's capital during the summer months to experience and celebrate the spirit of America, Nevert Haley of Gurnee journeyed to Washington, D.C., in late June to honor America's military and the families in song before the U.S. Congress on Capitol Hill.

As a member of the prestigious VA-National Medical Musical Group, Haley joined over 200 fellow musicians and singers from across the United States for this annual musical extravaganza which continues their organization's mission of healing, unity and patriotism. Many members serve America's veterans as physicians, nurses or support personnel for the Veterans Administration and other medical centers and schools all over America. Others are veterans themselves, members of veteran families or simply patriotic Americans who deeply care for veterans.

The two-hour concert, *Home of the Brave*, was sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Choral and orchestral performances included *American Salute*, the Largo Theme from Dvorak's *New World Symphony*, a rousing concert arrangement of *God Bless America* and the show-stopping *O Fortuna* from Orff's *Carmina Burana* as well as the moving Finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and of course, Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Hosting the program were Mara Liasson of NPR and Fox News and Eric Braeden, Emmy Award-winning star of *The Young and the Restless* and co-founder and president of the German-American Cultural Society. First Lake Laura Bush chaired the event's Honorary Committee.