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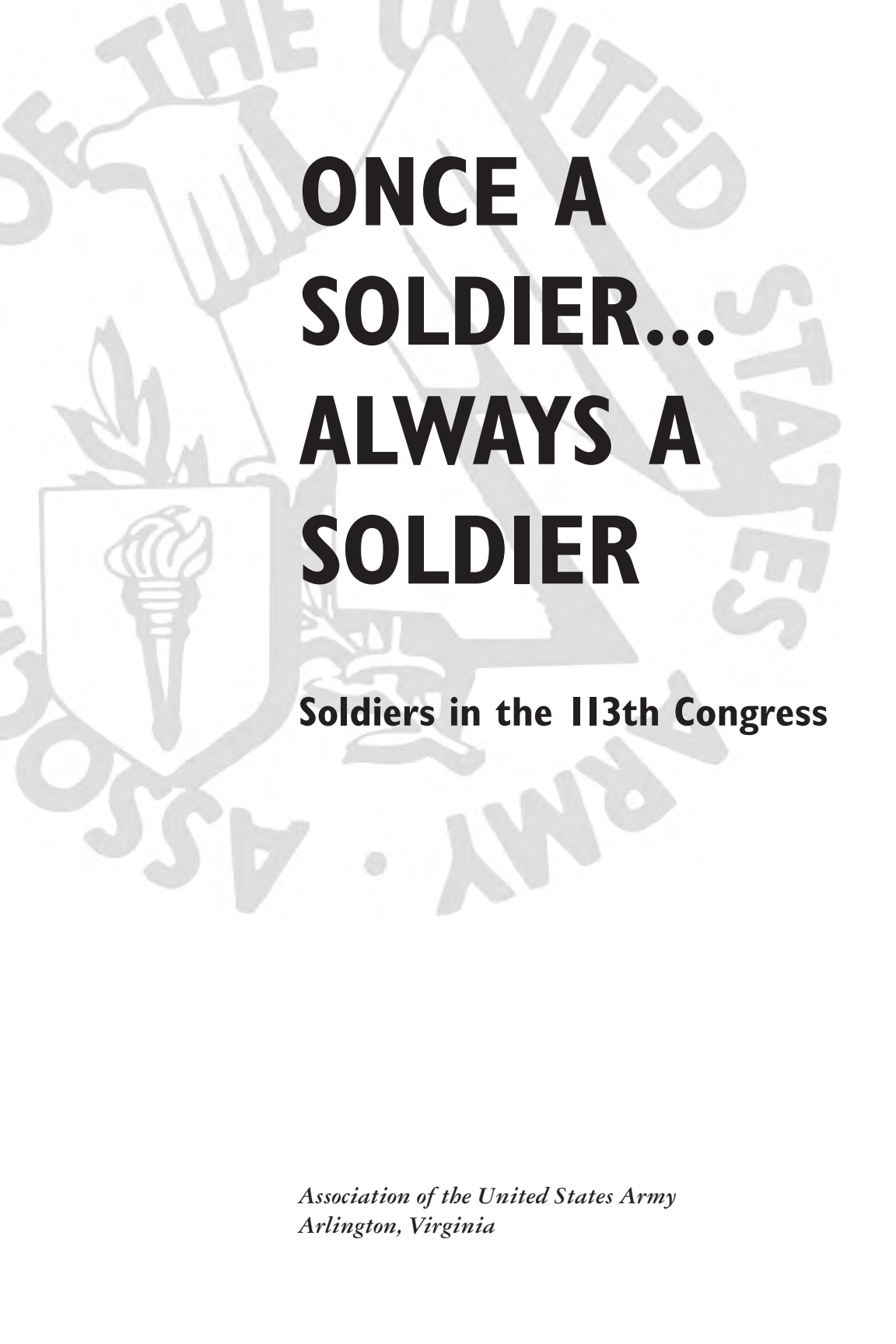
Soldiers in the 113th Congress

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*Association of the United States Army
Arlington, Virginia*

Dedication

Dedicated to the Soldiers who have served in
Congress, from the 1st through the 113th.

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Foreword

by Hal Nelson, Brigadier General, USA (Ret)

In the 1870s, as part of the observation of our nation's centennial, Benjamin Poore published a register and congressional directory—a comprehensive volume encompassing the officials of all branches of national government since the Continental Congress. He included a useful observation in his introductory essay:

While the Republic has preserved with commendable pride the histories of her martial defenders, it is well that the memories and services of her legislators should also be honored and cherished. Posterity should have accurate information concerning those who “in congress assembled” have enacted the laws under which the United States have advanced from feeble infancy into the vigors of maturity and have successfully combated attacks from foreign and domestic foes.

This book focuses that sentiment on a particular set of legislators and serves as a testament to selfless service to our nation. While it is limited to telling the story of those currently serving in Congress who have roots in the United States Army, it can be seen as one chapter in our nation's history stretching back to the days of the Continental Congress. The leaders who forge our laws have always been among those who have put their lives on the line in military service. Some observers of today's political scene are unaware of that tradition. Others are unaware of the Army backgrounds of today's members of Congress. This book fills those gaps in public awareness.

We often forget that George Washington was serving with the Virginia delegation to the Continental Congress when he accepted the call to command the new Continental Army in the siege of Boston. While Washington's militia experience was more extensive than that of any other delegate, the Father of our Country was one among many of the Founding Fathers who combined military and political service in a lifetime of dedication to filling the nation's needs. Today's Congress carries on traditions as old as

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our nation when it welcomes new members who began their service in the Army, and it holds the potential to return leaders to the Army during times of military crisis just as it has done in the past.

Today's Army is made up of components: the active Army, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve. Throughout much of our history, the small Regular Army was augmented with state militias and volunteers during emergencies. Members of Congress always played a key role in those augmentations, whether we look back to the war with Britain (1812–15), the war with Mexico (1846–48), the War of the Rebellion (1861–65), or the war with Spain (1898). As the twentieth century began, legislators who were veterans were among those who laid the groundwork for our current system, and since that time our Congress has included leaders whose military roots are in all three components. This book provides insights into the ways the three components have allowed these successful leaders to “be all they can be.” As we reflect on their success from this perspective, we are reminded that Army service opens many doors for young men and women in our society. This has been true since the earliest days of the Republic. We see it in every walk of life, and it is reassuring to see it in our Congress.

Throughout our history we have been an egalitarian society with a hierarchical military structure. Revolutionary leaders adopted European models to increase the odds for success against a European foe, and the system of commissioned and noncommissioned officers with distinctive ranks and well-defined responsibilities continues to be the framework for our military organizations. Our egalitarian society provides capable young men and women who rise in rank with extended service. Many leave the Army after only a few years, having served honorably and learned much, achieving few promotions but transforming the discipline and maturation gained in the Army into the foundation for a civilian career. Those patterns are evident in this book. A few members of Congress have had extensive military experience and have risen to high military rank. Far more have built on their Army experience in business and in politics.

In recent years many observers of the Congress have commented on the declining percentage of members who have served in our armed forces. When the 103rd Congress seemed to usher in an era of change with a large class of freshmen and a shift in the majority party, one analyst noted, “Only



18.2 percent of the House freshmen and 3 of the 14 freshmen senators had prior military experience.... This is in contrast to the 47.7 percent of the current House incumbents and 60 percent of the 1974 House freshmen class who have had military experience.” This book takes that statement beyond statistics and gives it a human face. Many of the members profiled here are among the more senior in both the Senate and the House. There are junior members, but they are not so numerous. Many factors may help to explain the change. The younger people who win elections today are products of the post-draft era. There were few attractions to military service when they began their adult lives, and many established their leadership credentials in their communities without a military “hitch.” While the resulting percentage of veterans in Congress shows a downward trend in the years since World War II, we should note that the percentage of veterans in the U.S. population is estimated at about 11 percent. When viewed from that perspective, veterans are still well represented in Congress.

Any reader who spends time with this book will come away with a sense of the commitment to national service shared by all of the leaders profiled here. They come from every walk of life and have had a broad range of military, educational, business, and legislative experience. But they share a willingness to serve our nation—the fundamental motivator among our fine soldiers still serving today. We can all be proud that they “soldier on.”



Preface

We have great admiration and respect for those who represent us through their service in the United States Senate or House of Representatives. Many have twice earned our gratitude by serving also in a component of the United States Army, some risking their lives in combat and shedding their blood in defense of our nation.

AUSA presents this book to honor those in the 113th Congress who have served the United States as Soldiers and continue to serve as Legislators. We salute you and are proud to be your comrades.

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Gordon R. Sullivan, General, USA (Ret)
President, AUSA



Introduction

This book presents Soldiers serving in the 113th Congress in alphabetical order—senators followed by representatives. The book also contains listings of the oversight committees as well as the members of the House Army Caucus and the Reserve Components Caucus, Senate National Guard Caucus, Senate Reserve Caucus and Senate Army Caucus. There is information about how to communicate with Congress including addresses, telephone numbers, and Web addresses. Information about the location of additional resource material about Congress, the Army, and national security is also provided.

A special section is devoted to information about the Association of the United States Army—its mission and objectives.



Soldiers in the Senate

Once a Soldier...



Dan Coats

U.S. Army 1966-1968

Corps of Engineers



Dan Coats United States Senator

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Republican, 3rd term

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Committees

Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veteran Affairs

Subcommittee on the Department of State and Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies

Commerce, Science and Transportation

Select Intelligence Committee

Joint Economic Committee

Biographical Data

Born: May 16, 1943 Jackson, MI

Profession: Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

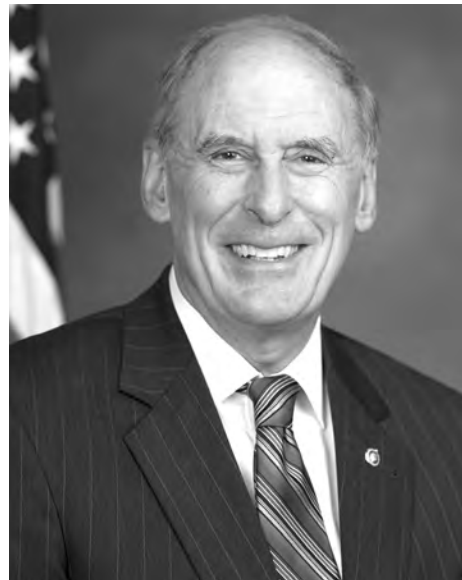
Wheaton College – 1965, B.A.

Indiana University – 1972, J.D.

Married to Marsha

Children: 3 Children, 8 Grandchildren

Senator Dan Coats



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James M. Inhofe

U.S. Army 1956–1958

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Awards and Decorations

Good Conduct Medal

*Visiting U.S. Army Depot,
Corpus Christi, Texas, 1997*

“Americans should always maintain the utmost respect for the young men and women who choose to serve their country in the armed forces. Military life helps instill the virtues of personal responsibility, discipline and public service. I truly believe I would not be a U.S. Senator today had I not had the benefit of experiencing military service.”



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Committees

Armed Services
Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works
Foreign Relations

Co-Chair, Army Caucus

Biographical Data

Born: November 17, 1934 Des Moines, IA
Profession: U.S. Senator and Businessman
(aviation, real estate, insurance)
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Tulsa – B.A. in Economics

Married to Kay
Children: four, and twelve grandchildren

Senator James M. Inhofe



Once a Soldier..



Edward J. Markey

**U.S. Army Reserve
1968-1973**



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Committees

Foreign Relations

Chair, Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance,
Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection and Peace Corps

Subcommittee on European Affairs

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Commerce, Science and Transportation

Biographical Data

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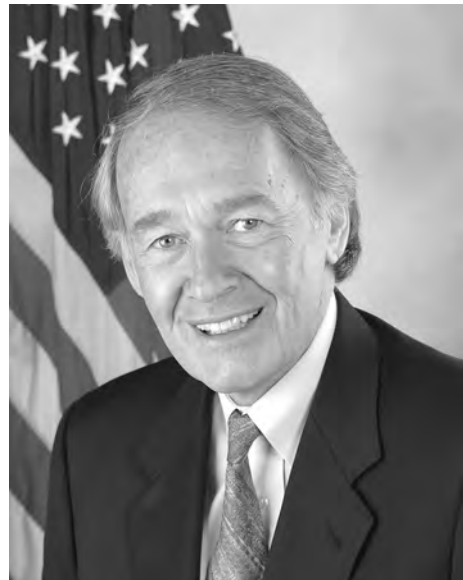
Profession: United States Congressman and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Boston College – B.A. 1968 and J.D. 1972

Senator Edward J. Markey

Married to Susan



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Bill Nelson

U.S. Army 1968-1970

Captain

U.S. Army Reserve 1965-1971

"I am grateful for the opportunity I had to play my small part in both the Active Army and Army Reserve many years ago. And I am grateful for the opportunities I have had since, as a member of Congress, to help provide for the welfare and readiness of today's and tomorrow's soldiers."



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Democrat, 3rd term

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Committees

Armed Services

Finance Budget

Commerce, Science and Transportation

Chair, Special Committee on Aging

Biographical Data

Born: September 29, 1942 Miami, FL

Profession: United States Senator and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Yale University – B.A. 1965

University of Virginia Law School – J.D. 1968

Senator Bill Nelson

Married to Grace C. Nelson

Children: Bill, Jr. and Nan Ellen



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*CPT Reed, Company Commander of
B Company, 2-504th, 1st Brigade,
82nd Airborne Division*

Jack Reed

U.S. Army 1967–1979

U.S. Army Reserve 1979–1991

Major

Infantry Airborne Ranger
Commander, B Company, 2nd Battalion,
504th (Airborne) Infantry, Fort Bragg, NC

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal
with Oak Leaf Cluster
Ranger Tab
Senior Parachutist Badge
Expert Infantryman Badge

“The Army gave me the greatest privilege that an American can enjoy...the opportunity to lead American soldiers. My service gave me the discipline and determination to meet difficult challenges and the experience to deal with critical issues of both national security and domestic policy. More importantly, it gave me an appreciation for the sacrifice and service of countless men and women in and out of uniform.”



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Rhode Island

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Committees

Appropriations

Armed Services

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Biographical Data

Born: November 12, 1949 Providence, RI

Profession: U.S. Senator, Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

– B.S. 1971

Harvard University

– Masters of Public Policy 1973

Harvard Law – 1982

Married to Julia Hart

Children: Emily Hart Reed

Senator Jack Reed



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On duty

Jeff Sessions

U.S. Army Reserve 1973–1986

Captain
Logistics Officer

Source of Commission, University of Alabama
ROTC, 1973
Basic Course, Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee,
Virginia, 1974
1184th U.S. Army Transportation Terminal
Unit, Mobile, Alabama

“Serving in the U.S. Army Reserve taught me skills and values that I continue to use every day of my life. Loyalty, duty, respect and honor are the foundation of service in all of the branches of the armed forces.”

Exposure to these values, and the opportunity to serve this great country, made my service in the Army Reserve one of the most rewarding chapters of my life.”



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Committees

Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Subcommittee on Sea Power

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Judiciary

Ranking Member, Budget

Environment and Public Works

Biographical Data

Born: December 24, 1946 Hybart, AL

Profession: U.S. Senator and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Huntingdon College – B.A.

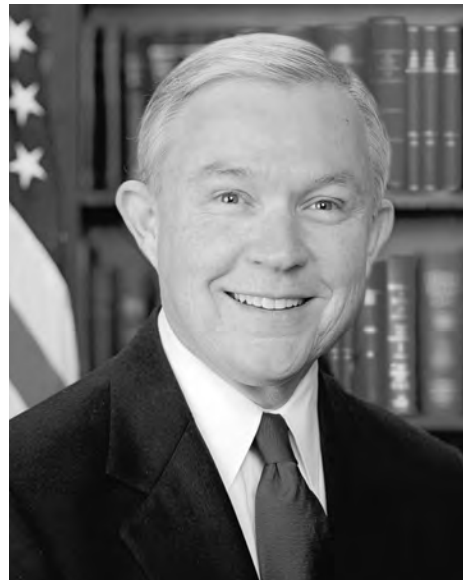
University of Alabama – J.D.

Married to Mary Blackshear

Children: Mary Abigail Reinhardt,

Ruth Walk and Sam Sessions

Senator Jeff Sessions





Soldiers in the House

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Spencer Bachus

**U.S. Army National Guard
1969–1971**

*Rep. Bachus greeting Alabama
Army National Guard's Company F,
131st Aviation on their return from
Afghanistan*

“One feels great pride wearing the uniform of the United States Army. As the father of five children, there have been many moments when I’ve been proud of my children. The experience of seeing my son graduate from Paris Island as a new U.S. Marine was perhaps as exciting as any. I am proud of my son and all the men and women in uniform who bravely defend America every day.”



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Committees

Chairman Emeritus, Financial Services
Judiciary

Biographical Data

Born: December 28, 1947 Birmingham, AL
Profession: United States Congressman and Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Auburn University – Bachelor Degree
University of Alabama – J.D. 1972

Married to Linda
Children: five

Congressman Spencer Bachus



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Kerry Bentivolio

U.S. Army
U.S. Army National Guard
1968 – 2008

Sergeant First Class
Infantry Rifleman
Military Police
Artillery

Awards and Decorations

Excellence in Competition Badge Pistol
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award),
Army Achievement Medal (4th Award)
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal (3rd Award),
Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Iraqi Campaign Medal Campaign Star
Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (3rd Award)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and 20-Year Device
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm
Republican of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 1960
Combat Infantryman Badge
Governor's 20 Marksmanship Award for Pistol

Overseas Service

Vietnam (1970-71)
Iraq (2007)



Kerry Bentivolio
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Committees

Oversight and Government Reform
 Subcommittee on National Security
 Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs
Small Business
 Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce
 Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations

Biographical Data

Born: October 6, 1951 Royal Oak, Michigan
Profession: Teacher, Farmer and Homebuilder
Schools Attended/Degrees:
St. Mary's College – 1999, B.A.
Marygrove College – 2001, M.A.

Congressman Kerry Bentivolio

Married to Karen



Once a Soldier...



Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

U.S. Army Reserve

ROTC Cadet

Received Honorable Discharge

in February 1971

*Congressman Sanford Bishop
with Soldiers in Iraq*

"I am proud of my association with the Army. My military service ended sooner than the Army and I had planned when the discovery of a health condition led to an early Honorable Discharge. Nevertheless, I continue to be guided by the lessons that I learned as an Army ROTC Cadet in the classroom and on the drill field, in boot camp at Fort Benning, and while attending advance officers' training. These experiences helped teach me that qualities like patriotism, duty, discipline, loyalty and dependability are not just noble-sounding words, but are character traits that make it possible to accomplish difficult and dangerous missions. I learned that these qualities make good soldiers in the military and good citizens in civilian life. Based on my own experience, I say Congress can use as many Army alumni as it can get!"



Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
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Committees

Appropriations

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs
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Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

Subcommittee on Agriculture

Co-Chair, Congressional Military Family Caucus

Congressional Vietnam-Era Caucus

Army Caucus

Reserve Caucus

Biographical Data

Born: February 4, 1947 Mobile, AL

Profession: U.S. Representative and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Morehouse College – Bachelor of Arts, 1968

Emory University – Doctor of Law, 1971

Married:

The Honorable Vivian Creighton Bishop
Clerk, Municipal Court of Columbus, GA

Children: one

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.



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G.K. Butterfield

U. S. Army 1968-1970

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Personnel

Company Clerk

Awards and Decorations

Sharpshooter Award



G.K. Butterfield
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Committees

Energy and Commerce
 Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade
 Subcommittee on Health
 Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Biographical Data

Born: April 27, 1947, Wilson, NC
Profession: Judge/Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
North Carolina Central University – B.A. 1971,
J.D. 1974

Congressman G.K. Butterfield

Children: two



Once a Soldier...



Mike Coffman

U.S. Army 1972–1974

U.S. Army Reserve 1975–1978

Sergeant E-5

Infantry Rifleman

Personnel Specialist

Legal Assistant (JAG)

1st Armored Division in Europe

Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Detachment

Awards and Decorations

National Defense Medal

Soldier of the Year

Army Reserve JAG Detachment, 1975

“My father was a career soldier who fought in both WWII and in Korea. He taught me the values of honor, integrity, determination, and an unyielding belief in duty to country above all else. I desperately wanted to follow in my father's footsteps so as soon as I was eligible to enlist, I joined the U.S. Army. My experiences as a young soldier gave me the tools necessary to succeed in life, both personally and professionally.”



Mike Coffman
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Committees

Armed Services
Veteran Affairs
Small Business

Biographical Data

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Schools Attended/Degrees:

University of Colorado - B.A.
Senior Executive Program for State and
Local Government, John F. Kennedy
School of Government, Harvard University

Married to Cynthia Coffman

Congressman Mike Coffman





Mike Conaway

U.S. Army 1970–1972

Spec – 5

Traffic Accident Investigator

Jingle Bells each month at Ft. Hood, TX

Trainee senior drill instructor for

Basic Training Company

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal

“I am proud of my military service. I got to do things as a military policeman that I was never able to do in civilian life. I learned some life lessons while in the service that have benefited me since.”



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Committees

Agriculture
Armed Services
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Chair, House Ethics Committee

Biographical Data

Born: June 11, 1948 Borger, TX
Profession: Certified Public Accountant
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Texas A&M University – Commerce – BBA in Accounting – 1970

Married to Suzanne
Children: four

Congressman Mike Conaway



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John Conyers, Jr.

**U.S. Army
1952–1953**

“When asked to reflect on the value of Army service to the nation and the individual, I think of the life of service of the late Coleman Young, the first African-American mayor of Detroit. Born in the segregated South in 1918, his family moved to Detroit in 1923.

During World War II, he joined the Army. He was commissioned a lieutenant and became the first black bombardier in the Army Air Corps, as part of the famous Tuskegee Airmen. He fought the prejudice that existed in the Army. He stood up to unfair policies and practices, often at great personal risk. Despite arrest and the threat of court-martial, he and his brave colleagues stood up for what was right and laid the foundation for the progress that has been seen since.

The opportunities presented by the Army in today’s society are due in no small part to the courage and principle-based actions of African-American soldiers like Coleman Young.”

Based on his tribute to Mayor Coleman Young in the House of Representatives on January 28, 1998



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Committees

Ranking Member, Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice
Subcommittee on the Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet

Biographical Data

Born: May 16, 1929 Detroit, MI
Profession: United States Congressman and Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Wayne State University – B.A., LL.B. 1958

Married to Monica
Children: John III and Carl Edward

Congressman John Conyers, Jr.





Tom Cotton

U.S. Army 2004 – 2009

Captain

Infantry

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Bronze Star Medal

Combat Infantry Badge

Ranger Tab

NATO Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Overseas Service

Iraq, 101st Airborne (2006)

Afghanistan, Provincial Reconstruction Team – Laghman Province (2008)



Tom Cotton
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Committees

Financial Services

Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit

Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Africa

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade

Biographical Data

Born: May 13, 1977 Dardanelle, AR

Profession: Farmer, Management Consultant and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Harvard University – A.B. 1998

Harvard University – J.D. 2002

Congressman Tom Cotton



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Eric A. “Rick” Crawford

U.S. Army 1985-1988

SGT / E-5

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

Pakistan, 1988 (Afghanistan Theatre)

“Serving in the U.S. Army changed my life – particularly the experience in Pakistan. I have a much better understanding of the sacrifices our soldiers today are making to secure our freedom, and the shared sacrifice of their loved ones at home.”



Eric A. “Rick” Crawford
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Committees

Agriculture
Transportation and Infrastructure

Biographical Data

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Schools Attended/Degrees:
Arkansas State University – 1996, B.S.

Married to Stacy
Children: Will and Delaney

Congressman Eric A. “Rick” Crawford



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John D. Dingell

U.S. Army 1944–1946

Lieutenant

“Army experience and service has done more to shape my life and give me the drive and ambition to continue to serve my country as a public servant than any other single event in my life. During my two years in the service, I gained invaluable experience. It taught me the meaning of discipline and respect—two qualities which I believe are the keys to success in the United States.”

I still keep in touch with many friends whom I met during my service. Friends made in the military are friends for life. But, overall, it taught me the meaning of loyalty and how important it is to our country and to the people who come into our lives. Now, when I am in the District, I still visit many of the men with whom I served at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896.”



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Committees

Energy and Commerce

Biographical Data

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Profession: U.S. Representative and Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Georgetown University – B.S. 1949
Georgetown University – J.D. 1952

Married to Deborah I.
Children: *four*

Congressman John D. Dingell



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Tammy Duckworth

**U.S. Army Reserve and
National Guard
1991 – Present**

Lieutenant Colonel
Aviation

Awards and Decorations

Purple Heart
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal

Overseas Service

Iraq (2004)



Tammy Duckworth **United States Representative**

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Committees

Armed Services

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Power

Oversight and Government Reform

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements

Biographical Data

Born: March 12, 1968 Bangkok, Thailand

Profession: Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (2009-11);

Director, Illinois Veterans Affairs (2006-09)

Schools Attended/Degrees:

University of Hawaii – B.A. 1989

George Washington University – M.A. 1992

Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth



Once a Soldier...



John J. Duncan, Jr.

**U.S. Army National Guard
(Tennessee) 1970–1987**

U.S. Army Reserve

Captain

*Congressman Duncan at the
Bob Hope Dining Facility near
Baghdad (1/04)*

“I am very proud of my service in the Tennessee Army National Guard. I made many life-long friends in the Guard and only regret that I was unable to serve longer.”



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Committees

Transportation and Infrastructure
Chair, Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation
 Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
 Subcommittee on Aviation
 Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials
Oversight and Government Reform
 Subcommittee on National Security
 Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs

Biographical Data

Born: July 21, 1947 Lebanon, TN
Profession: U.S. Representative, Lawyer,
 State Judge
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Tennessee – B.S. 1969
The George Washington University
 National Law Center – J.D. 1973

Married to Lynn Hawkins
Children: Tara, Whitney, John and Zane
Grandchildren: Beau, Emma, Maclain,
 Haley, and Harper

Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr.



Once a Soldier...



*Meeting General Eric Shinseki,
former Chief of Staff of the Army.*

Eni F.H. Faleomavaega

U.S. Army 1966–1969

U.S. Army Reserve 1982–1990

Judge Advocate General's Corps

Captain (Army Reserve)

100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry

Honolulu, HI

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

*“Service in the military has provided me with greater discipline and appreciation
of our nation as a free and democratic country.”*



Eni F.H. Faleomavaega **Congressman – American Samoa**

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Democrat, 13th term

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Committees

Foreign Affairs

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere

Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Insular Affairs

Biographical Data

Born: August 15, 1943 Vailoatai, AS

Profession: U.S. Delegate and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

– B.A. in Political Science/History

University of Houston School of Law – J.D.

University of California, Berkeley – LL.M.

Married to Hinanui Bambridge Cave

Children: five

Grandchildren: three

Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega





Rodney P. Frelinghuysen

U.S. Army 1969–1971

Specialist 5th Class
93rd Engineer Battalion

Awards and Decorations

Vietnam Service Medal

Overseas Service

Vietnam



Rodney P. Frelinghuysen **United States Representative**

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Committees

Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Defense
 Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Chair, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Appropriations liaison to House Intelligence Committee

Biographical Data

Born: April 29, 1946 New York, NY
Profession: U.S. Representative and State
Assemblyman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Hobart College – B.A.

Married to Virginia
Children: two daughters

Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen



Once a Soldier...



Tulsi Gabbard

**U.S. Army National Guard
2003 – Present**

Captain
Military Police

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom
Distinguished Honor Graduate, OCS, Fort McClellan, Ala.

Overseas Service

Iraq, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Medical Ops Specialist)
Kuwait, Military Police Platoon Leader



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Committees

Homeland Security
 Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security
Foreign Affairs
 Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific

Biographical Data

Born: April 12, 1981 Leloaloe, AS
Profession: United States Congresswoman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Hawaii Pacific University – B.A. 2009

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard





Chris Gibson

U.S. Army National Guard 1981-1986

U.S. Army 1986-2010

Colonel

Infantry

Persian Gulf War

Iraq

Awards and Decorations

Purple Heart

Legion of Merit (2)

Bronze Star Medal (4)

Combat Infantry Badge (2)

Master Parachutist Badge

Ranger Tab



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Committees

Armed Services
Agriculture

Biographical Data

Born: May 13, 1964 Rockville Centre, NY
Profession: Retired Army Colonel
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Siena College – 1986, B.A.
Cornell University – 1998, Ph.D.

Married to Mary Jo
Children: Kathleen, Margaret and Connor

Congressman Chris Gibson



Once a Soldier...



Louie Gohmert

U.S. Army 1978-1982

Captain

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Rep. Gohmert and COL James "Red" Brown, CDR, 56th Brigade Combat Team, Texas National Guard, in Baghdad (March 2005)

"The Army did the best it could to make me all that I could be."



Louie Gohmert
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Committees

Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations
Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice

Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation

Biographical Data

Born: August 18, 1953

Profession: U.S. Representative; Chief Justice, 12th Court of Appeals;

Judge, 7th District Court;

Assistant District Attorney, 76th Judicial District

Congressman Louie Gohmert

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Texas A&M University, B.A.

Baylor School of Law, J.D.

School for International Training

Married to Kathy

Children: three





Tim Griffin

U.S. Army Reserve 1996 – Present

Lieutenant Colonel
Judge Advocate Generals Corps
(SE-MARSG)
101st Airborne, Air Assault
Iraqi Freedom

Awards and Decorations

Combat Action Badge
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation

“It is a privilege to be part of the U.S. Army Reserve. America’s fighting forces are the finest in the world.”



Tim Griffin
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Committees

Ways and Means

Biographical Data

Born: August 21, 1968 Charlotte, NC
Profession: Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Hendrix College – 1990, B.A.
Tulane University – 1994, J.D.

Married to Elizabeth
Children: 2 Children

Congressman Tim Griffin



Once a Soldier...



Brett Guthrie

U. S. Army 1987–1990

First Lieutenant

Field Artillery

101st Airborne, Air Assault

Airborne Badge

Air Assault Badge

Jungle Operations School (Panama)

Northern Warfare School (Alaska)

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation

Army Achievement

“The values and skills I learned in the Army laid a lasting foundation for my current public service. I will always be proud to have served in the United States Army – particularly in the 101st Airborne which has such a rich tradition.”



Brett Guthrie
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Committees

Energy and Commerce
 Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade
 Subcommittee on Health
 Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Education and the Workforce
 Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training
 Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions

Biographical Data

Born: February 18, 1964 Florence, AL
Profession: U.S. Representative and
 small businessman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
United States Military Academy,
 West Point, NY - B.S. 1987
Yale University – M.P.M.

Married to Beth
Children: Caroline, Robby, and Elizabeth

Congressman Brett Guthrie



Once a Soldier...



Doc Hastings

U.S. Army Reserve 1963–1969

Specialist 4th Class

Sharpshooter M-16

Congressman Hastings speaks with members of the 53rd Explosive Ordnance Detachment about their time in Iraq

“Serving in the Army Reserve taught me discipline, the importance of working as a team and, most of all, what an honor it is to live in a free and democratic country. These principles have been important to me throughout my life. And when I look back on my years in the Reserves, I always remember how proud I was to be an American soldier.”



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Committees

Chair, Natural Resources

Assistant Majority Whip

Biographical Data

Born: February 7, 1941 Spokane, WA
Profession: Washington State Legislator and Businessman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Columbia Basin College
Central Washington University

Married to Claire

Children: Kirsten, Petrina, Colin and
eight grandchildren

Congressman Doc Hastings



Once a Soldier...



Joe Heck

U.S. Army Reserve 1991 – Present

Colonel

Medical Corps

Iraq

Awards and Decorations

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Joint Services Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Army Service Ribbon

Army Flight Surgeon Badge

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

“The Army’s “Core Values” and “Warrior Ethos” are applicable across all of life’s activities. Trying to live my life by those principles, everyday, have made me not only a better soldier, but a better man, husband, father and public servant. HOOAH!”



Joe Heck
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Committees

Armed Services
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Education and the Workforce

Biographical Data

Born: October 30, 1961 Queens, NY
Profession: Emergency Medicine Physician
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Pennsylvania State University – 1984, B.S.
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine –
1988, D.O.
U.S. Army War College – 2006, M.S.S.

Married to Lisa
Children: three

Congressman Joe Heck



Once a Soldier...



Darrell Issa

U.S. Army 1970–1972, 1976–1980

Captain

EOD- Enlisted, Armor Officer

Combat Development Experimentation Command

Set up National Training Center, Fort Irwin

EOD

Jump Status

Awards and Decorations

POD Badge

Parachute Badge

R.O.T.C. Scholarship to Kent State

"My entire success in life I owe to the training and discipline I learned in the Army.



Darrell E. Issa
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Committees

Chair, Oversight and Government Reform

Judiciary

Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law

Subcommittee on the Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet

Biographical Data

Born: November 1, 1953 Cleveland, OH

Profession: High-Tech Businessman

Schools Attended/Degrees:

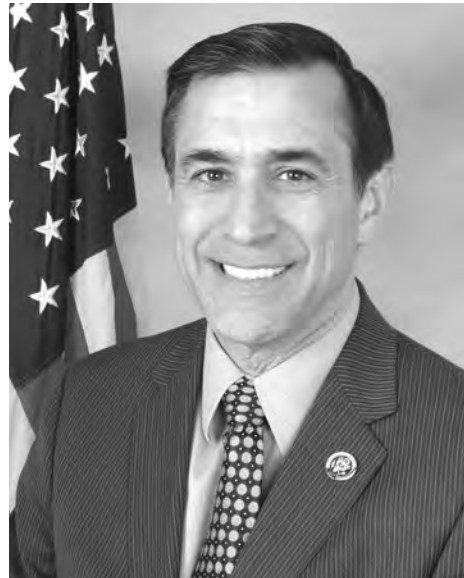
Kent State - A.A.

Siena Heights University - B.A.

Married to Kathy

Child: William

Congressman Darrell E. Issa



Once a Soldier...



Walter B. Jones

**U.S. Army National Guard
(enlisted)
1967–1971**

“Growing up in Eastern North Carolina with such a heavy military presence, and having an opportunity to briefly serve, I have learned to appreciate and value our men and women in uniform. Since coming to Congress, I have developed an even greater respect for the dedication and sacrifice of our nation’s brave military. In the wars and conflicts of the past, over one million American soldiers have lost their lives fighting to provide for the peace that we continue to enjoy today. No other nation has sacrificed so much to promote peace here in America and throughout the world. The unmistakable courage and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform represent the very strength of this nation.”



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Committees

Armed Services
Subcommittee on Military Personnel
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces

Biographical Data

Born: February 10, 1943 Farmville, NC
Profession: United States Congressman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Hargrave Military Academy
North Carolina State University
Atlantic Christian College – B.A.

Married to Joanne
Children: Ashley

Congressman Walter B. Jones



Once a Soldier...



Peter T. King

U.S. Army National Guard

1968–1973

Specialist 5th Class

Infantry

*Infantry soldier,
69th Infantry Regiment*

“The United States Army represents America at its very best. I will always be proud to have served in the Army – particularly in the 69th Infantry which has such an historic tradition.”



Peter T. King
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Committees

Homeland Security

Chair, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence

Financial Services

Intelligence

Chair, Friends of Ireland Committee

Biographical Data

Born: April 5, 1944 Manhattan, NY

Profession: U.S. Representative and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

St. Francis College – B.A. in History

University of Notre Dame Law School – J.D.

Married to Rosemary

Children: Sean and Erin

Congressman Peter T. King



Once a Soldier...



Gary Miller

U.S. Army

1967

Private

"It has been a tremendous honor to have served in the U.S. Army. The American people owe their freedom and liberties to those who serve in the armed forces. They are indebted to those who have made the ultimate sacrifices for their country in previous world conflicts. America's strength and position as the sole superpower on earth is a result of this dedication to our country's defense. Without the armed forces, America would not have become the beacon of democracy for the world. As a current member of Congress, I look forward to working on issues which affect the men and women in today's military. The leadership skills which I experienced in the U.S. Army allow me to take the lead on issues which promote a stronger defense, provide for better pay and quality of life care for the uniformed services and their dependents, and full benefits for our nation's veterans."



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Committees

Vice Chair, Financial Services
Transportation and Infrastructure

Assistant Whip at Large
Chair, Building A Better America Caucus

Biographical Data

Born: October 16, 1948 Huntsville, AR
Profession: United States Congressman and Businessman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Mt. San Antonio College

Congressman Gary Miller

Married to Cathy
Children: Matthew, Elizabeth, Brian and Loren



Once a Soldier...



Steven M. Palazzo

**U.S. Army National Guard
1997 – Present**

Sergeant
Iraqi Freedom
Persian Gulf War

“My time in the Army National Guard has taught me that true service is all about sacrifice. That lesson has been one of the most valuable in preparing me to serve in Congress. One of the greatest privileges I have is to continue serving my brothers and sisters in uniform with my work in the House of Representatives and on the House Armed Services Committee.”



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Committees

Armed Services
Homeland Security
Science and Technology

Biographical Data

Born: February 21, 1970 Gulfport, MS
Profession: Accountant
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University of Southern Mississippi – 1994, B.S.
University of Southern Mississippi – 1996, M.B.A.

Married to Lisa
Children: 3 Children

Congressman Steven M. Palazzo



Once a Soldier...



William J. Pascrell, Jr.

**U.S. Army Reserve
1961–1967**

Sergeant
Quartermaster Corps

Congressman Pascrell with LTG McKiernan just prior to the onset of the war in Iraq.

“My stint in the U.S. Army was a tremendous eye opener. Living on your own is a necessary step in growing up and learning not to depend so much on others for your well-being. Be it in active duty or reserve status, my military experience was a necessary state of ‘passage’ to being an adult. I actually enjoyed the military even in painful times. The U.S. Army always has my respect.”



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Committees

Budget
Ways and Means

Biographical Data

Born: January 25, 1937 Paterson, NJ
Profession: United States Congressman and Teacher/Mayor
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Fordham University – B.A. in Journalism;
M.A. in Philosophy

Married to Elsie
Children: William, III, Glenn and David
Grandchildren: William, IV, Christopher
and Megan

Congressman William J. Pascrell, Jr.



Once a Soldier..



Scott Perry

**U.S. Army National Guard
1980 – Present**

Colonel
Aviation

Awards and Decorations

Army Meritorious Service Medal
Army Joint Services Commendation Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
NATO Medal
Bronze Star Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Master Army Aviator Badge

Overseas Service

Bosnia, Task Force Saber (2002-2003)
Iraq, 2-104th General Support Aviation Battalion (2009)



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Committees

Homeland Security

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies
Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications

Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific
Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade

Transportation and Infrastructure

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and
Emergency Management

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and
Hazardous Materials

Congressman Scott Perry

Biographical Data

Born: May 27, 1962 San Diego, CA
Profession: Business Owner
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Pennsylvania State University –
Harrisburg – B.S. 1991



Once a Soldier...



Collin C. Peterson

**U.S. Army National Guard
1963–1969**

Rep. Peterson with MG Virgil Packett

“I would like to thank all the men and women in the United States military. They accept their mission and meet the challenges they face with professionalism and dedication. It’s a testament to the quality of the American people. We appreciate their service to our Nation and we are proud of them all.”



Collin C. Peterson
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Committees

Ranking Member, Agriculture

Biographical Data

Born: June 29, 1944 Fargo, ND

Profession: United States Congressman and CPA

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Moorhead State University – B.A. 1966

Business Administration and Accounting

Children: Sean, Elliot and Jason

Congressman Collin C. Peterson



Once a Soldier...



Mike Pompeo

U.S. Army 1986–1991

Captain

Armor

“I still remember the first acronym I learned — BLUF — bottom line upfront. I still try to communicate that way. No reason to dance around getting to the point.”



Mike Pompeo
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Committees

Energy and Commerce
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Biographical Data

Born: December 30, 1963 Orange, CA
Profession: Attorney and Businessman
Schools Attended/Degrees:
United States Military Academy – 1986, B.S.
Harvard University – 1994, J.D.

Married to Susan
Children: Nick

Congressman Mike Pompeo



Once a Soldier...



Charles B. Rangel

U.S. Army 1948–1952

Staff Sergeant

Korea

2nd Infantry Division

Awards and Decorations

Purple Heart

Bronze Star

“Over fifty years ago, President Truman signed Executive Order 9981, officially desegregating the U.S. military. The military institution that grew out of that executive order became the model for the society as a whole. The U.S. military is our finest example of equality, opportunity, upward mobility, and full inclusion in our social institutions. During World War II, a million African-American men and women served in uniform, including nearly 750,000 who served overseas in Europe and the Pacific. While they fought and died under the stigma of segregation, their heroic contributions marked the beginning of the end of segregated America. The brilliance of their performance in the war forced President Truman to sign Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948, ending the practice of segregation in the military. Their job was done well and will forever be remembered.”



Charles B. Rangel United States Representative

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Committees

Ways and Means
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Trade
Joint Committee on Taxation

Biographical Data

Born: June 11, 1930 Harlem, NY
Profession: United States Congressman, N.Y. Assemblyman
and Asst. U.S. Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
New York University – B.S.
St. John's University, School of Law – LL.B. 1960

Congressman Charles B. Rangel

Married to Alma
Children: Steven and Alicia



Once a Soldier...



Phil Roe

U.S. Army 1973–1974

Medical Corps
2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division,
Camp Casey, Korea 1973-1974
121st Evacuation Hospital,
Seoul, Korea 1973-1974
Ft. Eustis, Virginia 1974

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal
Korean Service Medal

“Having served in the medical battalion of the military, I feel this has made me a better public servant to East Tennesseans and to my country. As a member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, I can to see that veterans and their families are supported by the best personnel and assistance that our government can provide.”



Phil Roe
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Committees

Veterans' Affairs

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Subcommittee on Health

Education and the Workforce

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education

Chair, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions

Biographical Data

Born: July 21, 1945 Clarksville, TN

Profession: Physician, Mayor (2007-2009) and

Vice Mayor (2003-2007) of Johnson City

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Austin Peay State University

– 1967 B.S. in Biology, Chemistry minor

University of Tennessee – 1970, M.D.

Married to Pam

Children: David C. Roe, John Roe,

and Whitney Larkin

Grandchildren: two

Congressman Phil Roe



Once a Soldier...



With General H. Norman Schwartzkopf in 1991

Harold D. “Hal” Rogers

U.S. Army National Guard 1956–1963

Staff Sergeant
Recorder, Senior Rifleman,
Operations and Intelligence Assistant
Kentucky Army National Guard,
Monticello and Lexington
North Carolina Army National Guard, Sylva

Awards and Decorations

Sharpshooter (rifle) 1959
Expert (rifle) 1962

“Thousands of young men and women have served our nation in the armed services. I consider my own service in the Kentucky and North Carolina National Guard a life-building experience which has given me an important perspective when considering issues important to those who have and continue to serve our nation.

Those who have served America have traveled the globe carrying our banner of Liberty. For this service, we owe them greatly. They rightly deserve proper medical care and retirement benefits. The brave men who fought for our freedom are worthy of the best that we can provide.

As a U.S. Representative, I have worked hard to see that veterans are given the care and benefits they deserve. My door is always open to lend a helping hand to our veterans and also to assist the men and women who serve our nation here at home or around the world.

The brave men and women who serve America deserve our thanks, our support, and our enduring admiration.”



Harold D. "Hal" Rogers **United States Representative**

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Committees

Chair, Appropriations
Republican Steering Committee

Biographical Data

Born: December 31, 1937 Barrier, KY
Profession: U.S. Representative and Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Kentucky – B.A. 1962
University of Kentucky Law School
– LL.B. 1964

Married to Cynthia Doyle (May 1999);
(married to the former Shirley McDowell,
1957; widowed, 1995)
Children: Anthony, Allison and John Marshall

Congressman Harold D. "Hal" Rogers



Once a Soldier...



Mike Rogers

U.S. Army 1985–1988

Graduate R.O.T.C., Univ. of Michigan

First Lieutenant

Company Commander of Rapid

Deployment Unit, Fort Ord, CA

Congressman Rogers talks with soldiers during training to prepare for deployment to the Middle East

“Two experiences had a similar impact on my life: being the youngest of five sons of a high school vice-principal and football coach, and serving in the U.S. Army. Both taught me that one person can make a difference, but it takes teamwork to get the job done. Both helped me establish self-discipline, decision-making skills, personal responsibility and a sense of community. I am proud of my experience in the Army and grateful, too, for the lessons and training which have shaped my life.”



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Committees

Energy and Commerce
Chair, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Biographical Data

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State Senator (1995–2000),
co-founded small family-owned building business
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Adrian College – B.A. 1985
Sociology and Criminal Justice

Congressman Mike Rogers

Married to Kristi
Children: Erin and Jonathan



Once a Soldier..



Thomas J. Rooney

U. S. Army 2000–2004

Captain

Jag Officer

Instructor of Law at West Point

Asst. U.S. Attorney, Fort Hood, TX

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal (2)

Army Service Ribbon

“The people with which I served were the finest I’ve ever met. My time in Congress will be dedicated to giving military members and their spouses all that they deserve in the service of our country.”



Thomas J. Rooney
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Committees

Appropriations
Select Intelligence

Biographical Data

Born: November 21, 1970 Philadelphia, PA
Profession: Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Washington and Jefferson College, B.A.
University of Florida, M.A.
University of Miami, J.D.

Married to Tara Rooney
Children: Tommy Jr., Sean, and Seamus

Congressman Thomas J. Rooney



Once a Soldier...



Bobby L. Rush

U.S. Army 1963–1968

"I served as a soldier in the United States Army in 1963, during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. While enlisted, I encountered some elements of racism but overall, I look back on my military experience with fond memories and gratitude for the opportunity.

As a young man, 17 years old, I can remember entering the Army uncertain of what to expect. It wasn't long however, that I received my assignments and got to work. I enjoyed my work as a battery clerk most of all. Five years later, I received an honorable discharge.

Unbeknownst to me, my years of service left me with a greater appreciation of teamwork, organization and mission focus. Today, I know that my military service played a vital part in my development as a well-rounded individual."



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Committees

Energy and Commerce
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade

Biographical Data

Born: November 23, 1946 Albany, NY
Profession: United States Congressman, Activist, Baptist Minister
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Illinois – M.A. 1994
Roosevelt University B.A.
McCormick Seminary M.A.
Virginia University of Lynchburg,
Honorable Doctorate
Roosevelt University, Honorary Doctorate

Married to Carolyn

Congressman Bobby L. Rush



Once a Soldier...



Robert C. “Bobby” Scott

**U.S. Army National Guard
U.S. Army Reserve
1970–1976**

In the National Guard

“I am constantly reminded of the sacrifices that American men and women have made and are continuing to make to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. The time I spent in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United States Army Reserves gave me a better understanding of military service and an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to my nation’s defense.”



Robert C. “Bobby” Scott **United States Representative**

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Committees

Judiciary

Education and the Workforce

Biographical Data

Born: April 30, 1947 Washington, DC

Profession: U.S. Representative, Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Harvard College – B.A., 1969

Boston College Law School – J.D. 1973

Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott



Once a Soldier...



Jose E. Serrano

**U.S. Army Medical Service Corps
1964–1966**

172nd Support Battalion
at Ft. Wainright, Alaska

“The Army taught me about brotherhood, commitment, and sacrifice. It introduced me to people from all over the country, giving me a better sense of the depth and diversity of the American people. To this day, I’m deeply proud to have been a soldier, and treasure the memories of my service.”



Jose E. Serrano
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Committees

Appropriations

Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Biographical Data

Born: October 24, 1943 Mayaguez, PR

Profession: U.S. Representative, NY State Assembly

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Lehman College of the City University of New York

Children: five

Congressman Jose E. Serrano



Once a Soldier...



Germany, 1981

John M. Shimkus

**Active Duty
U.S. Army and
U.S. Army Reserve
1980 to 2008**

Lieutenant Colonel, USAR (Ret.)
Infantry
Army Ranger and Paratrooper

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Ranger Tab
Parachutist Badge
Expert Infantryman Badge

Overseas Service

3 years 1/54 Infantry, 3rd Brigade 1AD
in Bamberg, Germany

“John 15:13: ‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’ Obtaining my education at West Point, serving in the regular Army, and continuing my service as a member of the Army Reserves has been crucial to my development as a citizen as well as a father and husband. Through the Army, I enhanced my appreciation for discipline, commitment, devotion, and selfless service to a higher cause. It is as true today, that duty, honor and country are the most important aspects of citizenship as they were when my father served in Korea. For me, my experience in the Army continues to be a rewarding and important part of my being. I dare not think what my life would have been like had I not had the opportunity to be a part of the United States Army.”



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Committees

Energy and Commerce

Chair, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Subcommittee on Health

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Co-Chair, House Baltic Caucus

Army Caucus

Chair, West Point Board of Visitors

U.S. Delegate to NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Congressman John M. Shimkus

Biographical Data

Born: February 21, 1958 East St. Louis, IL

Profession: U.S. Congressman, Educator

Schools Attended/Degrees:

U.S. Military Academy at West Point

– B.S. in General Engineering

Southern Illinois University,

Edwardsville – M.B.A.

Married to Karen

Children: three



Once a Soldier...



Steve Stivers

U.S. Army National Guard

1985 – Present

Lieutenant Colonel

Logistics

Deputy Brigade Commander 371st

Sustainment Brigade (2008 – 2011)

Awards and Decorations

Bronze Star

MSM(3)

ARCOM(4)

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“Our Military represents the best of America and I’ll always be proud of my service and that of our veterans. Serving in the U.S. Army National Guard has been a great honor and privilege.”

My time in the Army has taught me about brotherhood, discipline, sacrifice and the importance of mission accomplishment. The leadership lessons I learned in the Army will serve me well as I strive to represent the people of Ohio in the U.S. Congress.”



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Committees

Financial Services

Biographical Data

Born: March 24, 1965 Cincinnati, Ohio
Profession: Bank Executive
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Ohio State University – 1989, B.A.
Ohio State University – 1996, M.B.A.

Married to Karen Stivers

Children: Sarah and Sam

Congressman Steve Stivers



Once a Soldier...



Mike Thompson

U.S. Army 1967–1973

Staff Sergeant/Platoon Leader
173rd Airborne Brigade

Awards and Decorations

Purple Heart

Overseas Service

Vietnam

“I’m proud of my service with the U.S. Army and know that the lessons learned are, in large part, responsible for any success I enjoy today.”



Mike Thompson
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Committees

Ways and Means
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Biographical Data

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Profession: U.S. Representative, Legislator, Educator and vineyard owner
Schools Attended/Degrees:
California State University, Chico – B.A., M.A.

Married to Janet
Children: two

Congressman Mike Thompson



Once a Soldier...



Tim Walz

U.S. Army National Guard 1981–2005

Command Sergeant Major
Field Artillery Sr. NCO
Infantry Sr. NCO
Administrative NCO

Awards and Decorations

Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal (2)
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6)
National Defense Service Medal (2)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device
NCO Professional Development Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon
Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (4)

Minnesota Good Conduct Medal with Silver Star
Minnesota State Service Ribbon (2)
Minnesota State Active Duty Ribbon (2)

"It was my great honor and privilege to serve this nation in uniform for 24 years. The leadership experience that this opportunity provided serves me well every day in Congress."



Tim Walz
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Committees

Agriculture
Transportation and Infrastructure
Veterans' Affairs

Biographical Data

Born: April 6, 1964 West Point, NE
Profession: High School Geography Teacher and Football Coach
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Chadron State College, NE - B.S. in Social Science
Minnesota State University - M.A. Education

Married to Gwen
Children: Hope and Gus

Congressman Tim Walz



Once a Soldier...



Brad Wenstrup

U.S. Army Reserve 1998 – Present

Lieutenant Colonel

Medical Corps

4220th U.S. Army Hospital

Awards and Decorations

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Combat Action Badge

The Bronze Star Medal

Overseas Service

Iraq, 344th Combat Support Hospital (2005 – 2006)

"I consider my service in uniform to be the greatest honor that I have had in my lifetime. To be able to represent the United States of America as a service member is something I'm extremely proud of and continue to be.

When I've been asked about my tour in Iraq I explain to people that it was the worst thing I ever had to do, while at the same time being the best thing I ever got to do. I make this statement because of the people I served with, and how devoted to their country they are.

I have to admit that the National Anthem is forever changed for me. As a surgeon who has served in war, when I hear "The rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air," I think of those we could not save. When I hear "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave," I think of those that have saved us for generations. Through it all, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of something bigger than one's self, which is what military service provides."



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Committees

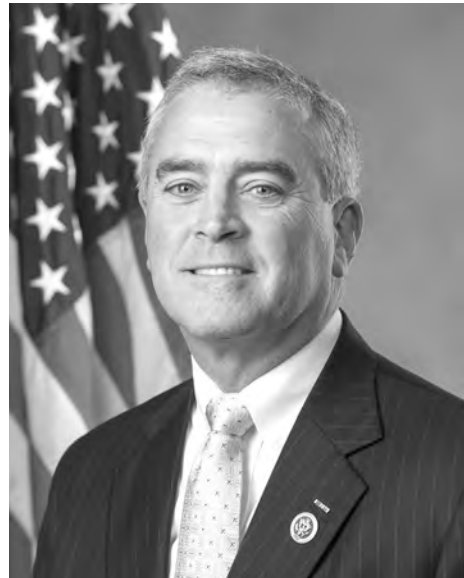
Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Military Personnel
 Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces
Veterans Affairs
 Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity
 Subcommittee on Health

Biographical Data

Born: June 17, 1958 Cincinnati, OH
Profession: Podiatric Surgeon
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Cincinnati – B.A. 1980
William M. Scholl College of Podiatric
Medicine – B.S. and D.P.M. 1985

Married to Monica

Congressman Brad Wenstrup



Once a Soldier...



Edward Whitfield

**U.S. Army Reserve
1967–1973**

1st Lieutenant
AIT–Armor, Served in 100th Division

“Military service provided me with unexpected opportunities. There was an atmosphere of challenge, high standards and opportunity for personal growth.

As General Douglas McArthur said in his farewell speech to the Corps at West Point, ‘Duty, Honor, Country’ is at the center of military service.”



Edward Whitfield
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Committees

Energy and Commerce
Chair, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy
Subcommittee on Health

Biographical Data

Born: May 25, 1943 Hopkinsville, KY
Profession: United States Congressman and Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
University of Kentucky – J.D. 1969

Married to Connie Harriman

Congressman Edward Whitfield



Once a Soldier...



Rep. Wilson, left.

Joe Wilson

U.S. Army Reserve 1972–1975
U.S. Army National Guard 1975-2003

Colonel in South Carolina
Army National Guard
JAG Officer

“The reason I stayed in the Guard so long is because I greatly appreciated the enthusiasm, patriotism and ability of the Guard members who served with me.”



Joe Wilson
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Committees

Armed Services
Chair, Subcommittee on Military Personnel
Education and the Workforce
Foreign Affairs

Army Caucus
Reserve Components Caucus
Air Force Caucus
Sexual Assault in the Military Prevention Caucus

Biographical Data

Born: July 31, 1947 Charleston, SC
Profession: Attorney
Schools Attended/Degrees:
Washington and Lee University, VA
B.A. in Political Science – 1969
University of South Carolina, J.D. 1972

Married to Roxanne Dusenbury McCrory
Children: four

Congressman Joe Wilson



Once a Soldier..



Frank R. Wolf

U.S. Army Reserve 1962–1963

Six months active duty

*Congressman Wolf meeting with
combat engineers in Iraq, 2005*

*“I deeply appreciate the sacrifices our men and women in uniform make
everyday. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. I also appreciate the sacrifices
their families make.”*



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Committees

Appropriations

Chair, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Subcommittee on Transportation

Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations

Co-Chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission

Biographical Data

Born: January 30, 1939 Philadelphia, PA

Profession: U.S. Representative and Attorney

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Penn State University – B.A. 1961

Georgetown University – J.D. 1965

Married to Carolyn

Children: five

Congressman Frank R. Wolf



Once a Soldier..



Steve Womack

**U.S. Army National Guard
1979–2009**

Colonel
Infantry

Awards and Decorations

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

“There is no greater honor than serving my nation in uniform. Throughout my professional life, no experience had meant more to my success than that of serving as an officer in the U.S. Military. The leadership, management, and decision – making skills acquired as a result of my service to country have played an invaluable role in preparing me for the greater challenges I’ve faced in business and public service. The friendships – personal and professional – I have enjoyed as a result of my military service have been both life-long and life changing.”



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Committees

Appropriations

Biographical Data

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Schools Attended/Degrees:
Arkansas University – 1979, B.A.

Married to Terri

Congressman Steve Womack



Once a Soldier...



C.W. Bill Young

**U.S. Army National Guard
1948–1957**

Master Sergeant
Infantryman



C.W. Bill Young
United States Representative

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Republican, 22nd term
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Committees

Appropriations
Chair, Subcommittee on Defense
Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs
Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch

Biographical Data

Born: December 16, 1930 Harmarville, PA
Profession: U.S. Representative

Married to Beverly
Children: Rob, Billy and Patrick

Congressman C.W. Bill Young



Once a Soldier...



Don Young

U.S. Army 1955–1957

41st Tank Battalion

*Rep. Young meeting with members
of the National Guard.*

*“My time in the Army was a foundation of learning and experience that has
served me well. I am proud of my service to this country.”*



Don Young
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Committees

Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs

Chair, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation

Transportation and Infrastructure

Subcommittee on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Republican Policy Committee

Congressman Don Young

Biographical Data

Born: June 9, 1933 Meridian, CA

Profession: U.S. Representative and Teacher

Schools Attended/Degrees:

Yuba Junior College – A.A. 1952

California State University, Chico – B.A. 1958

Widowed

Children: two daughters





Information about the Congress

The Committees charged with primary responsibilities for oversight of the Army are the Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate, and the Defense Subcommittees of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Their members are listed on the succeeding pages.

In addition to the formally constituted committees, several caucuses in the House and Senate pay attention to Army matters. Caucuses are informal groupings of members who share interests in a common topic. Despite being outside of the formal political structure, such groups seek to influence the policy process on a wide range of issues, often with some success. Two House caucuses are included: the Army Caucus and the Reserve Components Caucus. In the Senate, the Senate National Guard Caucus is included.

A section on communicating with Congress follows the committee listings. Readers may use the information in that section to express their views to their Representatives and Senators

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Saxby Chambliss, Ga.

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The Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense is tasked with drafting legislation to allocate funds to defense-related government agencies within its jurisdiction. The subcommittee is responsible for reviewing the President's budget request, hearing testimony from government officials, and drafting the spending plans for the coming fiscal year. Their work is passed on to the Senate Appropriations Committee, which may review and modify the bills and forward them to the full Senate for consideration.

MEMBERSHIP

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Dianne Feinstein, Calif.
Barbara A. Mikulski, Md.
Patty Murray, Wash.
Tim Johnson, S.D.
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Mark Pryor, Ark.

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Thad Cochran, Miss.
Ranking Member

Mitch McConnell, Ky.
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Lamar Alexander, Tenn.
Susan Collins, Maine
Lisa Murkowski, Alaska
Lindsey Graham, S.C.
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Roy Blunt, Mo.

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Chairman

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Walter B. Jones, N.C.

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Jeff Miller, Fla.

Joe Wilson, S.C.

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Rob Bishop, Utah

Michael R. Turner, Ohio

John Kline, Minn.

Mike D. Rogers, Ala.

Trent Franks, Ariz.

Bill Shuster, Pa.

K. Michael Conaway, Texas

Doug Lamborn, Colo.

Rob Wittman, Va.

Duncan Hunter, Calif.

John Fleming, La.

Mike Coffman, Colo.

Scott Rigell, Va.

Chris Gibson, N.Y.

Vicky Hartzler, Mo.

Joe Heck, Nev.

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Martha Roby, Ala.

Mo Brooks, Ala.

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Jim Bridenstine, Okla.

Brad Wenstrup, Ohio

Jackie Walorski, Ind.



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Ranking Member

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Mike McIntyre, N.C.

Robert A. Brady, Pa.

Robert E. Andrews, N.J.

Susan A. Davis, Calif.

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Rick Larsen, Wash.

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André Carson, Ind.

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Tammy Duckworth, Ill.

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Marc Veasey, Texas

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The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense is tasked with overseeing legislation to allocate funds to defense-related government agencies within its jurisdiction. *(Note: The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Appropriations are authorized to sit as members of all subcommittees.)*

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 Harry Reid, Nev.
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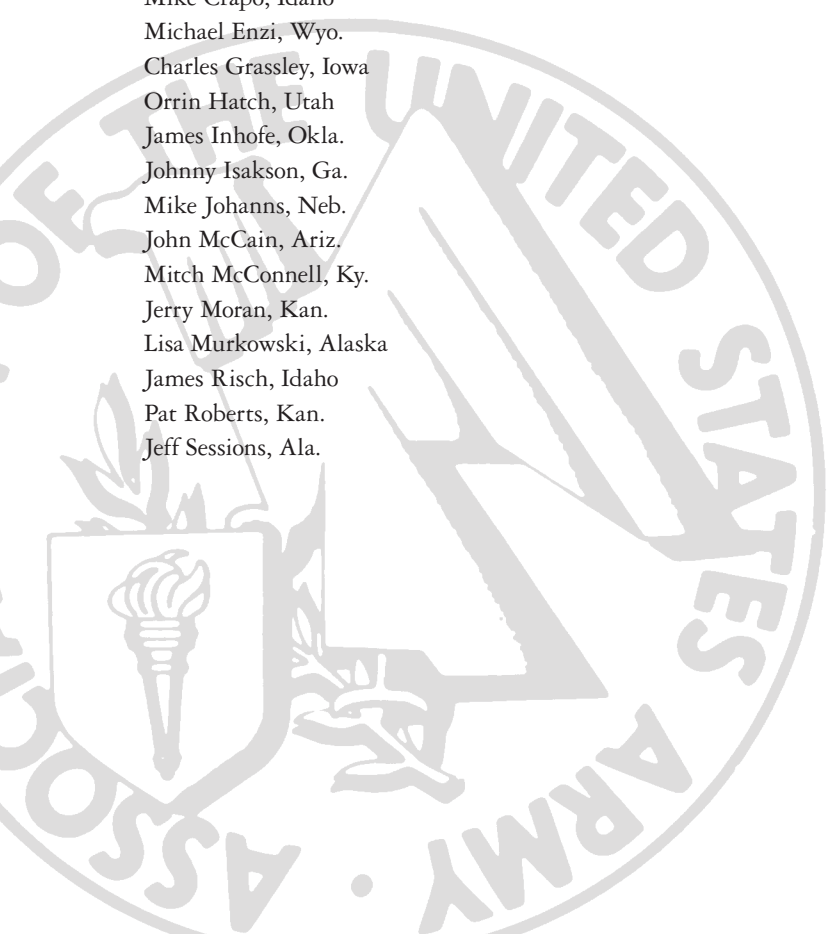
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For information on all inquiries, visit the Senate contact index site at www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm

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The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) came into being on July 5, 1950 when the Army's senior leadership identified a need for the Army to put aside internal parochialism and speak with one voice in the best interest of the Army and the nation.

Two organizations—the Infantry Association and the Field Artillery Association—came together under the AUSA banner. On January 1, 1955, the Antiaircraft Association became a part of AUSA, extending the initial steps taken toward a single voice for the Army.

For more than 60 years, the Association of the U. S. Army has stood as the nation's voice for the United States Army. Its members are men and women; active, guard, and reserve; civilian employees; retirees; Family members; and friends of the Army. More than 120 chapters across America (and literally around the world) bring America's Army to the American people and, at the same time, serve as a voice for America's Army in the Halls of Congress.

Today, AUSA remains involved in many issues important to the men and women who serve this nation at home and abroad and the families they must so often leave behind. Additionally, AUSA serves as a conduit for communication between industry and the Army. AUSA's primary role, however, is that of educator. Professional meetings, symposia and a library of written, visual, and on-line information are available to the Army professional and the general public. Testimony, information papers, and other publications are frequently provided to Congress. Among other issues, AUSA works to highlight the need for adequate defense funding, equitable pay, access to quality health care, and a fair retirement system. AUSA continues to promote the interests of the United States Army and, in the final analysis, the United States.

AUSA Activities

(For more information, please visit the AUSA web site at www.ausa.org)

Membership

The Association of the United States Army offers a choice of three major membership categories. They are Individual Memberships, Corporate Memberships, and Sustaining Memberships.

Individual Memberships

AUSA individual memberships are available to the Active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Government Civilians, Retirees, Veterans, Wounded Warriors, family members and civilians. Life memberships are also available.

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Corporate members are local businesses, corporations, professional and technical firms, societies and community groups that ally with one of AUSA's chapters. They are interested in supporting AUSA's goals locally and nationally. Corporate members may designate two, five or ten people to receive the privileges of individual membership.

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Industry Affairs Directorate

AUSA's Industry Affairs Directorate is committed to supporting the Army- Industry partnership by providing a platform from which the Army can speak to industry and industry can speak with Army for the betterment of our national defense. We provide this platform through a wide variety of events including our symposia, our ILW Breakfast Series, the AUSA Annual Meeting and participation in international tradeshows. Through our signature leadership, award-winning publications, membership development, dynamic meetings and outstanding educational outreach, the Industry Affairs Directorate provides our members with unique opportunities to hear what our Army has to say about its future, and to contribute. For more information on our events, please visit the AUSA website and click on the Meetings and Events page.

Legislative Affairs

The following represent key AUSA legislative objectives for 2013. The objectives are not necessarily stated in order of priority:

- ◆ Maintain Defense Spending at least 4% of GDP.
- ◆ Work for healthcare programs that will guarantee access to quality healthcare for all military beneficiaries and promote adequate funding of the Defense Health Budget.
- ◆ Work to maintain pay parity between military pay, Department of the Army civilian pay, and that of the civilian sector.
- ◆ Fund and support the transformation and modernization of the Force.
- ◆ Work for recognition (within the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill) that the Army's end strength should be at least 1.2 million Soldiers (Active, Guard, and Reserve).
- ◆ Keep the focus on quality of life programs and Army Family initiatives.
- ◆ Support funding to modernize and upgrade barracks and Family housing.

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- ◆ Oppose initiatives to change the current retirement age, annuity formula provisions or retiree COLA allocations as they relate to Army civilians.
- ◆ Support legislation that would provide deployed civilian employees equivalent benefits afforded their active duty counterparts.
- ◆ Fund the Federal Impact Aid Program in the U.S. Department of Education budget to preclude the children of military families from being disadvantaged in public schooling.
- ◆ Support resetting the Current Force; funding for modernization and increasing funding for research and development.
- ◆ Authorize and fund Reserve Component Full Time Support manpower requirements for the RC at 100 percent.
- ◆ Work to provide incentives and eliminate disincentives to service in the Reserve Components; to provide adequate health care protection and medical disability coverage for reservists; to provide educational benefits and academic protections for activated reservists; to lower the age for receipt of retirement pay from 60 to 55.
- ◆ Enact legislation to repeal in its entirety the Department of Veterans Affairs offset on retired military entitlement (concurrent receipt).

For all AUSA legislative resolutions in booklet form, write to AUSA's Government Affairs office or call 1-800-336-4570, ext. 2637. An electronic version of the resolutions is available on the AUSA website at www.ausa.org/legislation.

Institute of Land Warfare

AUSA's Institute of Land Warfare (ILW) is charged with extending the reach and increasing the influence of AUSA by informing and educating our membership; local, regional and national leaders; and the American public on the critical nature of strategic land power and the importance of the United States Army to the nation. In carrying out its mission, ILW manages an educational program of professional publications and forums designed to focus the defense on issues of importance to the nation's security and the critical role of the Army.



AUSA Family Programs

AUSA addresses Army Family needs through its Family Programs Directorate. Family Programs activities include:

- ◆ Presentations and briefings on military installations, to Family Readiness Groups (FRG), and at Family training events and conferences.
- ◆ Conducting focus groups to determine Family concerns.
- ◆ Representing AUSA and Army Families on various DoD and Department of the Army councils and advisory groups on topics such as health care, education, spouse employment, deployment and Family Readiness.
- ◆ Conducting Annual Meeting Military Family Forums and other activities to provide information on topics important to Army Families.
- ◆ Staying connected and engaged with military families via social media communications such as Facebook and Twitter.
- ◆ Maintaining Family Program web page at www.ousa.org/family, which contains information such as family legislative issues, current and latest news, a reading list, consumer information and resources organized by topic.
- ◆ Providing weekly e-mail up-date to subscribers containing current information and policy changes affecting Families.

AUSA Products that inform members and the public

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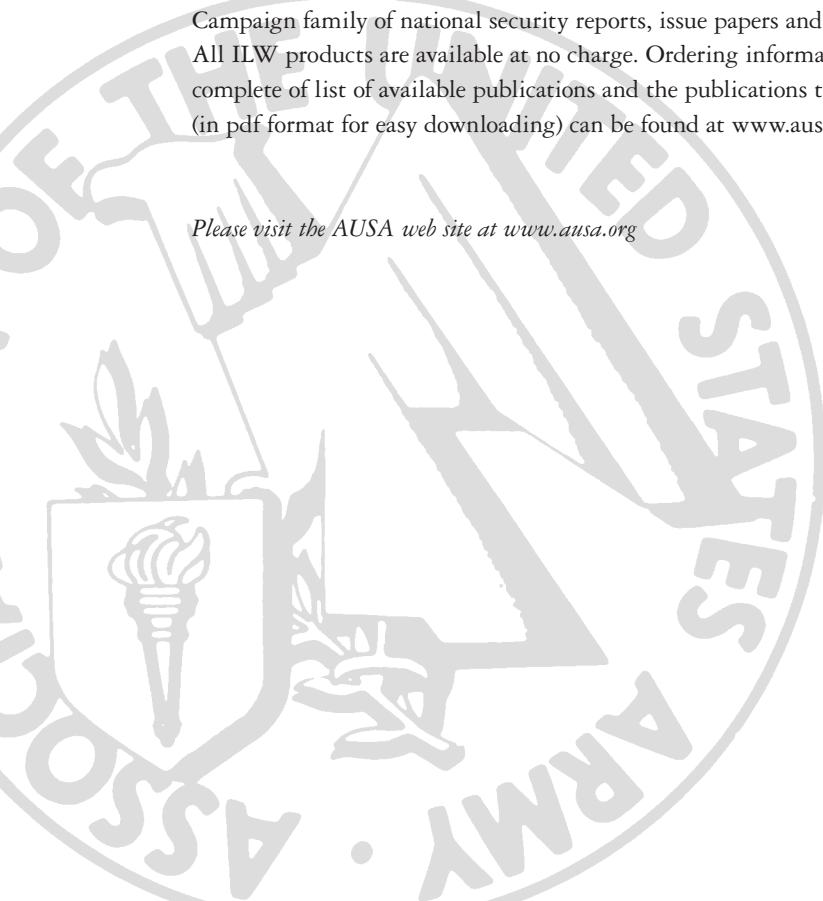
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