

Where He Stands: *Veterans & the Military*



Military service is an absolute corner-stone of our freedom. When I served as an Air Force physician (both in the U.S. and Philippines) I saw first hand the courage and dedication of our troops. They literally put their lives on the line so we can enjoy the fruits of liberty every day.

Today, about 1.3 million Americans, men and women from every state, are on active duty both here and abroad. Another 800,000 are in the seven reserve components of our military. All of these patriots make huge sacrifices year in and year out to ensure our country's safety and our previous freedoms.

I am committed to helping both active duty military and veterans in our area. For example, I co-sponsored a bill that allows veterans to use their military training as credit toward a community college degree. I helped make it easier for disabled veterans to bring their service dogs into places of public accommodation. I continue to support upgraded services to our veterans as long as I am in office.

Serving for 11 years in the U.S. Air Force made a profound impact on my life personally. Coming from a working class family, I was only able to afford medical school thanks to our military's Health Professions Scholarship Program. During my medical career, I have personally treated airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines who suffered during combat, and I will never forget their sacrifice. I was honored to achieve the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Air Force before returning to civilian life.

Those who have served in our military are heroes, and should have preference in the job market with reasonable salaries and pension programs, quality physical and psychological health care, and our respect. Those returning to civilian life need opportunities back home. They shouldn't struggle to find quality education and jobs.

If you are a veteran, or a member of a military family, I'd like to hear from you directly. Let me know what concerns you have. I want to know how we in government at the state level could do a better job supporting our active duty troops and veterans. You'll also welcome to



speak with me in person at one of the many veterans events that I attend throughout the year.

Historical Facts: During our nation's 241 year history, more than 40 million Americans have served in our military (all branches). More than 660,000 died in combat, with millions more wounded in battle. Our troops face mortal danger every day in countries around the world. Please join me in thanking those who have completed their service and praying for those still in harm's way. We'd be lost without them.



Photo Above: Dr. Bizon on duty as an Air Force flight surgeon in the 1970s. He served both stateside and at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.