



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

House District 19, State Representative

CALL TO DUTY – BOOTS ON THE GROUND

House District 19, encompasses Fountain, Calhan, Widefield, Peyton, Security, Ellicott, Falcon, Hanover, Rancho, Ramah, Rush, Yoder, Edison, Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever Air Force Base and is the largest House district in El Paso County with more veterans and military families than any other district in the state.

Colorado has significantly benefited from the presence of the more than 60,000 men and women of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Colorado National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol. Our State is the proud home of more than 426,000 military veterans who have served their country with great honor and distinction. Since Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom began 4,288 soldiers have died, with Fort Carson taking 223 losses.

As the daughter of an Air Force mechanic, I know the hardships that military personnel and families endure. It is with sincere appreciation and dedication for the men, women and families of the military that I will continue to be committed to supporting them in the State House.

In the 66th General Assembly Session, I sponsored the Pikes Peak Veterans Cemetery Resolution, and cosponsored the following military bills:

Mental Health Services Pilot Program for Discharged Veterans and Family Members

Military Family Relief Fund Grants

2nd Count Day for School Districts with Large Numbers of Military Children

In order to serve our military communities more effectively I have requested a seat on the State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee in the upcoming session. I will be sponsoring the following legislation to provide additional benefits and support for the men and women who sacrifice so much for our freedoms and liberties;

Expansion of the Homestead Exemption Act to include Surviving Spouses of Disabled Military Personnel

Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Spouses of Active Military Personnel

Free & Reduced Lunches for Children of Military Families who are within 200% of the Federal Poverty Levels

Operation Iraqi Freedom License Plates

Welcome Home Resolution for the Troops returning Home from Iraq and Afghanistan

Nothing illustrates our nations commitment more than putting boots on the ground when and where they are needed! The men and women of the armed services represent all that is right and good about our Nation. It has been, and always will be the **SOLDIERS** who lead our nation to victory over our enemies; and it is the **SOLDIERS** that will preserve the peace for our nation. Baptized in fire and blood, they have come out of steel, steel that endures! I am so very thankful for our magnificent **SOLDIERS, FAMILIES AND CIVILIANS WHO SACRAFICE** so much for our Freedoms. You, our **SOLDIERS** and **FAMILIES**, are and always will be the Strength of the Nation! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL TO DUTY!**

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Please visit www.gomarsha.org for previous messages that include descriptions of benefits available for our military. If you have any questions or comments please contact me anytime at MarshaLooper@hughes.net or call me at 719-238-5600. Thank you for the privilege to serve you!

Sincerely,

Marsha Looper,

Colorado House of Representatives, HD 19