



## MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

**THANK YOU MEN & WOMEN OF UNIFORM**

**November 4, 2008**

Today, we know the future President of the greatest nation on earth! This day would not be possible without the blood, sweat and tears of those who have served and those who continue to serve our country. The brave men and women of uniform make it possible for us to enjoy the fruits of our labor, freedoms and liberties endowed to us by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in France. Fighting actually ceased seven months earlier on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. November 11, 1918 represents the end of the "war to end all wars". \* While we discuss the events, policies and individuals who will be guiding our nation in the upcoming years, it is important that we pause and honor the men and women who have made these events possible.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 marks our 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Veterans Day! On this day let's celebrate our nation's greatness and thank the men and women responsible for our independence, liberty and self-government. Please pause for a moment, an hour or a day to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

House District 19 is home to 24,000 active duty personnel from Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base and a small portion of Fort Carson Army Post. Since World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan War the families of our state have lost over 4,311 fathers, mothers, son, daughters, sisters and brothers to wartime activities.

My father, Carl Herman Rowe, whom served in the Korean War, taught me the importance of serving our country and our community; Tom, who fought bravely in the Vietnam War continues to teach the importance of commitment and bravery; Hal, who served over 22 years in the Air Force and fought for our county in the Vietnam War reminds us of the noble virtues of hard work and sound judgment; Ben, whom at a very young age left the comfort of home and served as a reservists in the Iraq War. A young man that that has taught us to wear kindness, generosity and love for mankind as a badge of honor, even during our countries most challenging times.

Would you please, take the time and opportunity to volunteer for one of the many Veterans' Organizations in our communities, thank a Veteran and honor the men and women of today's military whom unselfishly and voluntarily, serve and protect our freedoms and liberties!

Respectfully,

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