



## MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

### **SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

On September 11, 2001 over 2,993 people in the United States were killed by a series of coordinated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda terrorists. These horrendous and barbaric acts by suicide hijackers began when two airliners were deliberately flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York; when a third airliner was flown into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia just outside of our Nation's Capitol and a fourth airliner missed its target thanks to heroic passengers and was flown into a field near Shanksville in rural Pennsylvania. These were the deadliest acts of war our nation had ever experienced and left the United States with no other options but to launch the "War on Terrorism".

The toll of the War on Terrorism has been heavy on the men, women and families of Fort Carson and surrounding areas. Last week eight brave warriors from Fort Carson died in remote Afghanistan defending our freedoms, liberties and security. These courageous men and women fought in one of the bloodiest battles Fort Carson had experienced since the Vietnam War. We offer our respect, appreciation and reverence to the families of the eight soldiers of Bravo Troop and the 270 Ft. Carson soldiers who have died since the war began. Last week marks eight years since the U.S. lead invasion of Afghanistan began on October 7, 2001.

The 270 brave heroes from Fort Carson who have taken their last breath on the battleground of war would expect no less of us than to support their fellow soldiers and their families to our fullest extent. These men and women of our volunteer army deserve good quality medical and mental health care, a good paying job and a decent roof over their heads. Their children deserve safe, reliable daycare services and a good education without being penalized because of their parent's military career. We must continue to work hard to ensure their children and spouses are never left behind without our support.

It is an honor for me to live in and represent a district that is inspired by the sacrifices of these valiant service men and women. I thank them and their families from the core of my being for their enduring bravery, heroism and fearless love of country. Their commitment to protect us from threats around the world and to rebuild countries stricken by war is a testimony of their love of country to the citizens of the United States, fellow soldiers, families and faith. To them we owe everything, thank you!

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