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Hello,

In honor of Military Appreciation Month and Memorial Day, this week's newsletter is dedicated to the men and women who have so selflessly served and sacrificed time with family, ordinary comforts and pleasures, physical and mental health, and even their lives.

Wyoming thanks you for all that you have done to preserve our nation; below are a few highlights of what I'm doing to uphold America's promise to our service members and veterans.

Remembering The Ultimate Sacrifice

As we all enjoy the long weekend with our family and friends, take a moment to remember those who willingly dedicated themselves and laid down their lives for our nation. Many families will have an empty seat at their tables today, and it is our duty to remember and honor our men and women in uniform who gave their all.

In the words of President Lincoln, we must never let the world forget what they have done for us; our task is to carry forward their memory.

To our veterans and Gold Star Families, our nation owes you an immense debt and eternal gratitude.



Fulfilling our Promise to Those Who Serve

In his Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln also said that it is up to us, the living, to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work for which our service members gave their lives. As your representative, I continue to advocate for sound policies that help us fulfill our obligation to America's veterans. Below are some of the recent actions I've taken to support our current and former service members:

- Cosponsored H.R. 705, the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act. This prevents the VA from sending personally identifying information on veterans and their beneficiaries to the national criminal background system without judicial cause.
- 2. My staff participated in the Wyoming Service Academy Information Day earlier this month, where they provided high schoolers across the state with information on how to apply for and attend one of our nation's excellent military service academies.
- 3. Voted **YES** on **H.Con.Res. 30**, which would have removed all US military forces not assigned to the US Embassy from Somalia.
- 4. Voted **YES** on **H.Con.Res. 21**, which would remove American service members from Syria, a nation with whom we are not at war nor actively engaged in continual operations against ISIS.
- 5. Cosponsored **H.R. 1282**, which would finally provide combat disabled Veterans access to the full military benefits they were promised, in addition to the disability compensation they deserve.
- 6. Cosponsored **H.R. 1228**, which prevents the U.S. military from promoting Critical Race Theory concepts and other anti-American and racist theories, including at service academies, ensuring that our resources are focused on training and equipping warfighters with the skills and materials needed to fight and win.
- 7. Voted **YES** on **H.R.1226**, *Wounded Warrior Access Act*, a bill that will make it easier request benefit and claims records, as well as new methods for reporting violations of laws related to agents and attorneys.
- 8. Cosponsored **H.R. 41**, which will ensure that veterans will be able to easily schedule appointments with the VA.
- 9. Cosponsored **H.R. 932**, a bipartisan bill repealing the 1991 and 2002 Congressional authorizations for the use of military force in Iraq.

Have you served in the military?

🔵 Yes, I'm a veteran

I am currently serving

🔵 No, but I'm thankful for those who have

Taking this survey will sign you up for future news and updates from my office.

Helping Veterans Receive Benefits

Are you a veteran who is experiencing issues with the VA, or unsure that you're receiving all the benefits or pay you're entitled to? My staff might be able to help!

Our congressional office is available to assist veterans and active-duty service members as needed. Some of the services we can provide include help with pay issues, ensuring veterans have access to the benefits they have earned, helping to bring military contracts to local communities, and advocating for patients with the VA healthcare system to ensure veterans receive the highest quality healthcare possible.

For assistance with any of the above or any other federal agency issues related to veterans, contact my Cheyenne district office at (307) 829-3299 or <u>submit a request</u> through my website.

If you're still hesitant to reach out for assistance, read William Struble's testimonial below of how we were able to help him get his medical bills paid. My office is ready and willing to help you next!

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"I received a very large bill for medical care that I thought would have been covered by the VA. After trying to find a resolution, and getting nowhere, I reached out to Congresswoman Hageman's office. They worked with me by contacting the agency. Within a matter of days the issue was resolved and my medical bills were covered by the VA as they should have been. I am so thankful for the help of our congresswoman."

William Struble – Smoot, WY

Ensuring that our Veterans are Honored in DC

One of the wonderful programs operating for veterans is the Honor Flight Network, which brings veterans from across the nation to Washington, DC to experience our nation's war memorials with their comrades, all free of charge. As a result of changes related to COVID-19 restrictions, the many volunteers who have given veterans a long-overdue "welcome home" ceremony at Washington Reagan National Airport have not received the fee-free parking they once did.

This week, I cosigned a letter calling on the airport's board to reinstate fee-free parking for those participating in Honor Flight events. Our veterans deserve the greatest praise we can provide, and we should not create an additional financial burden for volunteers who are already willingly giving their time to serve and honor those who have given so much for our nation.

On Friday afternoon, we received notice from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority committing to making sure that free parking will be made available to the volunteers moving forward.

Recent Votes

To see my full voting record and more information on each bill, click here.

- Voted YES on H.R. 467, the HALT Fentanyl Act.
- Voted YES on H.R. 1076, which requires the GAO to study illicit financing connected with the trafficking of synthetic drugs.
- Voted **YES** on H.R. 1156, which directs the Treasury Department to analyze the effects of China's financial sector on the financial stability of the United States and global economy.
- Voted to disapprove the EPA's new rule that would increase costs and restrictions on heavyduty trucks.
- Voted to prevent President Biden's federal student loan forgiveness policy from taking effect.
- Voted to override President Biden's veto of H.J.Res 39, which would have prevented the Department of Commerce from allowing for more purchase of solar panels and solar panel components manufactured by China.
- Voted NO on H.R. 1669, due to the bill's unreliable method of financing the VA educational assistance program.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of bills I'm cosponsoring:

- **H.J.Res. 49**, which nullifies the US Fish and Wildlife Service's attempt to reclassify the northern long-eared bat from a threatened species to an endangered species.
- **H.Res. 339**, which states that the United States should continue to pursue energy production through all available means, including oil, natural gas, and coal.
- H.R. 79, the WHO Withdrawal Act.
- **H.R. 1250**, the *Family Farm and Small Business Exemption Act*, which exempts farms and small businesses from being considered as assets for the purposes of federal financial aid needs for higher education.
- H.R. 1297, which prevents the DOD from funding or reimbursing expenses related to abortion services.
- **H.R. 1506**, the *Advisory Committees Free of ESG Act*, which prohibits the creation of ESG advisory committees within the federal government.
- **H.R. 1575,** the *Pregnancy Center Security Act,* which provides grants to pro-life pregnancy centers for the purpose of installing or upgrading security systems and increasing accessibility for people with disabilities.
- **H.R. 2366**, the *90-Day Review Act*, which provides a 90-day window, instead of a 150-day window, for filing petitions for judicial review of highway and public transportation projects.

Tweet of the Week



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On Armed Forces Day, and every day, I am thankful for the service and sacrifice of our brave men and women in our military.



Video of the Week



"Rep Hageman on House Democrats' deflection, disruption, and dismissal tactics"

In the News



The Senate's ability to govern is in shambles. We need senators who can legislate and lead, not just vote how they're told.

The WHO only serves to further the interests and narratives of the Chinese Communist Party. It's time to cut the cord and pull their funding.

I Want to Hear From You!

I cannot do my job without your support and input. Thank you for the calls, letters, emails, and questions you have sent to our offices. Please continue to reach out via the contact information below, and stay up to date on all the latest activities and legislation by subscribing and sharing this newsletter and our <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,

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