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Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen appointed by Sen. Mark Udall, Rep. Mike Coffman to chair Bipartisan Post-Traumatic Stress Task Force

Bipartisan task force to hold Aug. 14 public meeting at the Colorado State Capitol to hear from physicians, military officials and veterans who have struggled with PTS

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen was appointed by U.S. Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo) and U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo) to chair a bipartisan task force to explore the issues of Post-Traumatic stress in military service men and women returning from the war overseas.

A public meeting of the task force, called by Udall and Coffman, will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Old Supreme Court Chambers at the Colorado State Capitol.

Holen said the task force will hear from physicians, military officials and veterans who have struggled with Post-Traumatic Stress. The task force will issue its recommendations on possible reforms Udall and Coffman should pursue in Congress to better help veterans with Post Traumatic Stress.

“I appreciate the confidence of Sen. Udall and Rep. Coffman in appointing me to chair this task force to better understand the problem of Post-Traumatic Stress,” Holen said. “We owe it to our military to address this insidious problem affecting our men and women returning home from the battle on the Global War on Terror.”


He serves as a goodwill ambassador to the Air Force as a 460th Space Wing representative in the Air Force Space Command Commander’s Group. In 2012, Holen was one of 25 volunteers throughout the United States asked to participate in the Commander’s Group, which meets with Air Force leaders to learn more about the current Air Force and Air Force Space Command operations and programs.

Earlier this year, Holen was selected by the Air Force to attend the 60th Annual National Security Forum, which offers civilians a unique opportunity to engage in open and candid discussions with senior military and civilian leaders on national and international security topics.

Holen is serving his first term as Arapahoe County Commissioner representing District 5, which includes the cities of Glendale and portions of the City of Aurora. Prior to serving as Arapahoe County Commissioner,
Holen was the Constituent Services Representative for Congressman Ed Perlmutter where he focused on national security, defense and veterans affairs issues.

He currently represents Arapahoe County on a variety of local and regional issues, including the Board of Social Services, Metro Area County Commissioners, Aurora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Colorado Counties Inc. Transportation and Telecommunication committees; Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority; E-470 Public Highway Authority, Metro Crisis Services, National Association of Counties Transportation subcommittee and Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health.

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Photo of Commissioner Bill Holen is available by visiting the following link: 