

A STRONG DEFENSE

OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DOUGLAS BRUCE, BELIEVES IN PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH. HE IS **100% PRO-MILITARY**. VETERANS DESERVE THE BEST EQUIPMENT, THE BEST HEALTH CARE, AND OUR ETERNAL GRATITUDE. ALL AMERICANS HAVE THE NATURAL RIGHTS TO SELF-DEFENSE, AS STATED IN **THE SECOND AMENDMENT**, AND TO A **STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE**. MANY VETERANS GAVE THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OURS. THAT HEROISM IS THE HEIGHT OF PATRIOTISM.



Rocky Mountain Gun Owners

Colorado's Largest Gun Rights Organization

July 2008

Dear El Paso County Republicans,

It is with great enthusiasm that Rocky Mountain Gun Owners PAC endorses Republican Douglas Bruce for House District 15.

Douglas Bruce has been a strong supporter of the right to keep and bear arms as both a private citizen and an elected official. We have no doubt he will continue to act in the same manner in the Colorado Legislature.

As a Life Member of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (and a long-time member prior to being a life member), Douglas Bruce displayed a deep concern for citizens' Second Amendment rights previous to being in elective office. In other words, he didn't have an election year conversion.

Once elected as El Paso County Commissioner, Douglas Bruce stood courageously to defend the rights of citizens who wish to carry firearms for self-defense.

As Colorado's largest organization defending the right to keep and bear arms, we rarely endorse candidates for office, as we hold a very high bar for our support. However, this is an exception.

We can think of few in this state with the courage, the resolute nature, and the principled stands of Douglas Bruce, and encourage you to return him to the Colorado State House.

For Freedom,

Dudley Brown
PAC Director

My critics have questioned my respect for our military, my patriotism, and even my honor. Haven't we had enough of such cynical smears for political advantage? Please don't reward rumors and negative campaigns. I have devoted the last 22 years to unpaid public service. Based on my record, I ask for your vote on August 12th.



The tribute to veterans lasted 69 minutes, with 27 standing ovations. Doug joined in every one. The resolution, HJR 1007, passed on a voice vote. The audiotape shows there were no dissenting votes.

— See “General Assembly—Veterans” at www.DouglasBruce.com

“Strong, honest leadership for our values”

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REPUBLICAN!**

No state legislator is more genuine than Douglas Bruce in understanding and preserving the ordered liberty our servicemen devote their lives to defending. What I and other past and present military want in political leaders is what he offers: fewer ostentatious expressions of praise, and more sturdy, consistent action in support of the ideals that made America great.

—Dave Crater
Former 1st. Lt., USAF

A staunch political Independent and retired combat veteran, I am leery of any politician riding the new wave of superficial patriotism.

Douglas Bruce is different! You might not agree with him on all issues or on his style, but cannot deny his commitment to our constitutional principles. Contrary to other claims, he acknowledges and honors the needs of Colorado veterans who have faithfully done their duty for the nation. Most importantly, he shows civil courage when standing up for Colorado taxpayers, who are often misled by powerful special interests.

Douglas Bruce is a voice for fiscal conservatism and “the little guy”—what could be more patriotic!

—R.W. Zimmermann
Lt. Col. US Army (ret.)

Rep. Douglas Bruce is devoted to preserving constitutional government. He works daily for the core principles of “Duty, Honor, Country” that inspire American military service. His patriotic respect for all veterans is beyond question.

—Doug Stinehagen
Former Spec., US Army

Rep. Douglas Bruce’s unwavering resolve to uphold and defend the Constitution ranks him among the few elected officials who diligently sacrifice self-interest for the common good. He is a fine statesman and patriot. I am proud to know him and fully trust him to serve military personnel just as he has Colorado taxpayers.

—Dale Anderson
9-year US Army veteran

The politicians hate Doug because he is for real help for vets, not cheap speeches and political theatrics. Doug produces action and results, not empty words.

—Don Weber, Msgt. USAF (ret.)
Former paratrooper U.S. Army

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

In 2003, a prior state legislature took \$2.28 million from the state veterans’ trust fund to spend on other programs. Even Rep. Douglas Bruce’s loudest critic had voted to raid this trust fund, while still claiming to be “pro-veteran”(!)

In 2008, Bill 1078 restored the stolen funds. Rep. Bruce, experienced as a prosecutor and victim’s advocate, insisted that the restitution include back interest. The Bruce Amendment added \$636,400 to make whole the state veterans trust fund. Rep. Douglas Bruce provided more real help than all the speech-making politicians who prefer ceremonies to substance, and resolutions to results.

I appreciate Douglas Bruce’s work for veterans. He voted to support a veterans’ cemetery here in El Paso County. Now it will happen. That means a lot to me and to families of veterans.

—Daniel J. Kenda
USN veteran

Douglas Bruce is not anti-veteran or soft on defense. Doug is the strongest, most honest, most patriotic elected official I know.

—Richard Schulte
Vietnam-era vet, US Army

I have known Douglas Bruce since 1987. He understands the limited role of government and works tirelessly to defend the constitution and individual rights. Doug is an honest statesman.

—John Heimsoth
Vietnam Veteran, USN

As a legislator and a 30-year military veteran, I saw that Representative Douglas Bruce’s personal leadership was vital to restoring the full value of the Colorado Veterans’ Trust Fund, which the legislature had raided in 2003.

That restoration was the United Veterans Committee’s top priority. Rep. Bruce unilaterally took the lead to draft, debate, and pass an amendment to also restore the entire back interest.

Prior Republican efforts had failed. The Bruce Amendment added over \$600,000, a huge step toward fairness for Colorado veterans. Rep. Douglas Bruce provided a significant victory for the highest priority need of Colorado veterans during the 2008 legislative session.

—Rep. Kent Lambert (R)
Colonel, USAF (ret.)

I joined the military because I have a passion about defending my country against its enemies, foreign and domestic. Douglas Bruce has that same passion about preserving our Constitution and limiting government to its proper role. That passion led to TABOR, to money restored to the Veteran’s Trust Fund WITH INTEREST, and to our right to vote to stop the rain tax. Let’s show Doug our appreciation by returning him to Denver to continue to fight for us at the Capitol.

—Danielle Coleman
Major, USAF Reserves (ret.)