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Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of 9/11.

Last Friday marked 25 years since the 9/11 attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans. Now, 25 years later, we still feel the loss from that tragic day.

The brave first responders and citizens who ran toward danger that day and lost their lives while saving others will forever be remembered as heroes. So many lives were cut short and too many people lost someone they loved. The survivors who carry the scars from that horrific day live to tell our younger generations what happened, so that we never forget.

To all families who lost a father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend on September 11, 2001, I am truly sorry for what you endured that day and the hurt that followed. For the past 25 years, we have remembered and honored those who lost their life on 9/11. It is our responsibility to keep their legacy alive for as long as we live and never forget.

Read more [HERE](#) and watch a video from me [BELOW](#) commemorating the 25th anniversary and honoring the victims and survivors of 9/11.



Celebrating New U.S. Citizens.

One of my favorite types of events to attend are naturalization ceremonies. These unique events allow me the privilege of celebrating hardworking men and women who not only believe in the American Dream but now get to go out and achieve their own version of it. Seeing these new United States citizens take the same oath of citizenship that I myself took 20 years ago is such an honor.

This past Friday, I was proud to attend a naturalization ceremony in Tucson, celebrating 30 new U.S. citizens from 13 different countries. I was honored to share my story of immigrating to the U.S. as a kid and the sacrifices my parents made in order to give me and my siblings a better life. Now, twenty years after becoming a U.S. citizen, I have the privilege of serving in Congress, an opportunity I would never have been able to achieve if it weren't for my parents' sacrifices all those years ago.

I was grateful to join this group of men and women as they became citizens of this great nation and wish them all the best in this new chapter.



Joining the Wildcat Community for its Welcome Center Grand Opening.

I was pleased to join the University of Arizona community last week to celebrate the grand opening of the Wildcat Welcome Center.

This new building will be used to welcome prospective students and their families to campus, showcasing all the university has to offer. Located inside the Student Union Memorial Center, it will serve as the central hub for campus tours, enrollment events, workshops, and student experiences.

The new center is the latest addition to make the University of Arizona even stronger. As Arizona's only member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have been a longstanding advocate for supplying the University of Arizona with the tools and resources necessary to provide the best education possible. I am proud to have secured federal investments that strengthen the university's leadership in innovation, research, and workforce development.

Most recently, I championed \$2 million for Applied Hypersonics and Directed Energy Integration, which will support workforce development in these fields by providing state-of-the-art testing and manufacturing equipment for hypersonics and directed energy research. The investment remains a high priority of mine in the ongoing appropriations process as I push to get it passed by the House and eventually signed into law by the President.

Read more about the Wildcat Welcome Center grand opening [HERE](#).



Now Accepting Applications for Military Service Academy Nominations.

Each year, students from across Arizona's 6th District apply for a military service academy nomination from our office. In order to receive an appointment to a military service academy (United States Military Academy at Westpoint, United States Naval Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy) students must receive a nomination from their U.S. Representative or one of their two U.S. Senators.

Throughout my time in Congress, our office has had 46 appointments to military service academies. It is such an honor to receive applications every year and to connect with these outstanding young men and women who have the desire to serve their country.

I'm proud to announce that our office is now accepting applications for military service academy nominations for the class of 2031. If you know a current high school senior considering an application to one of our nation's prestigious military service academies, now is the time to contact us!

The deadline to apply for nomination from our office is **Thursday, October 29th**. Contact

Nancy Heiser, who runs our office's nomination process, with any questions or for more information at Nancy.Heiser@mail.house.gov or 520-881-3588.

You can also read more [HERE](#), visit [HERE](#) for information on the nomination process, and find the application [HERE](#).



In the News.

Congressman Juan Ciscomani learns about future Oro Valley Police home [*Inside Tucson Business*](#)

"U.S. Rep. Juan Ciscomani doffed his jacket Aug. 4, inside the very warm future headquarters of the Oro Valley Police Department. Before him, Oro Valley Town Engineer and Public Works Director Paul Keesler rolled out preliminary plans for OVPD's eventual occupancy of the 50,500-square-foot former medical office building at 13101 N. Oracle. 'It's exciting to see,' said Ciscomani, who is shepherding a \$4.2 million grant request for federal Department of Justice dollars that, if approved, would help equip the new facility with the technology and equipment necessary 'to support law enforcement and strengthen public safety across Southern Arizona,' he said in a release. Federal money would be used for technology throughout the building — facility security, digital evidence and investigative needs, officer safety and operational equipment, and communications and interoperability, according to a summary document from Ciscomani's office. The House Appropriations

Committee have given its consent, 'the biggest hurdle' in the process, Ciscomani told Mayor Joe Winfield, Mayor-elect and Vice Mayor Melanie Barrett, Town Manager Jeff Wilkins, Chief Kara Riley, Deputy Chief Curtiss Hicks, and others."

The Colorado River Is Becoming an Industrial Location Risk

[Environment+Energy Leader](#)

"Six members of Arizona's House delegation, led by Representative Juan Ciscomani, wrote to Interior Secretary Doug Burgum in February asking him to withdraw a proposal they said would impose steep reductions on the state's Colorado River supply. The letter specifically cited the risk to Arizona's [microchip manufacturing, aerospace, and critical mineral industries](#). That a state's own federal delegation felt compelled to intervene on behalf of industrial water access, rather than agriculture or municipal supply, says something about how the politics of the river have shifted. Water policy in the basin is no longer just a rural or environmental fight. It is now, explicitly, an industrial policy fight."

Ciscomani accepting service academy applications

[Sierra Vista Herald](#)

"High school seniors interested in attending one of the nation's military service academies may apply for a congressional nomination through U.S. Rep. Juan Ciscomani's office.

Ciscomani, whose 6th Congressional District includes Cochise County, is accepting applications for students seeking admission to the academies' class of 2031. The application deadline is Thursday, October. 29. A congressional nomination is one avenue available to applicants seeking admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or the U.S. Air Force Academy...'One of my favorite parts of the job is connecting with students across Arizona's 6th District who feel called to serve our nation through military service academy nominations,' Ciscomani said in announcing the application period."

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If you are interested in using this service, click [HERE](#) or contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-2542 for more information.



Profiles of the American Dream.

They were one of the most secretive planes flown by the U.S. Air Force. They could be deployed worldwide in a moment's notice. And they played a crucial role in preserving and protecting the American Dream.

The EC-130H Compass Call is a big, lumbering propeller-driven aircraft that has been a common sight in the skies above Tucson. No more. The EC-130H is on its way to becoming another chapter in our nation's storied military history.

Based in Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the plane made its final flight earlier this month. Like the venerable A-10 just a few weeks ago, the EC-130H is headed to retirement.

To the uninitiated, the EC-130H looks like a typical Air Force cargo plane. It's not sleek or fast or especially nimble. But looks can be deceiving. As noted in a recent story on the Task & Purpose website, "the plane is packed with sensors and jammers" that has made it indispensable.

The EC-130H is, according to the Air Force, "an airborne tactical weapon system that uses noise jamming to disrupt enemy command and control communications and deny time-critical adversary coordination essential for enemy force management." In other words, it prevents the bad guys from talking to each other.

The plane entered service in 1981 and has been central to military operations in Panama, Iraq, Syria and Kosovo. Its place in the record books may already be assured as part of the longest continuously deployed Air Force unit. The 41st Electronic Combat Squadron deployed its first EC-130H to Afghanistan in late 2002 and returned 19 years later in late 2012 after flying 14,753 sorties and 90,364.4 combat flight hours.

The replacement of the EC-130H can fly faster and farther but there's little doubt that the legacy of the EC-130H is assured.



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Our district encompasses so many incredible people and stories that I want to share both with my colleagues in Washington and through the platforms I have as your Member of Congress, such as speaking on the House floor. You can visit my website and [share your story](#) with me and my team. I look forward to hearing from you!

Share your story...

Submit yours today!

As always, my office and I are here to assist you. If you would like to share a comment or tell us your story, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to serving you!



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