



Bill Winney, Republican Candidate for Congress

Bill Winney has just been notified that he will receive the endorsement of the Wyoming VFW-PAC if he wins the August 19th primary!

There is only one military veteran in the 2008 race for the Republican nomination for Congress. He is Bill Winney. He will fight for Wyoming's veterans. Like his father before him and his son following in his footsteps, Bill proudly served his country in the military. Bill served 30 years on active duty in the Navy. Proud to be a Veteran. Cast your vote on August 19th for Bill Winney. He will continue his service to America in Congress.

My Fellow Citizens of Wyoming -

When I made my announcement last November 2nd to seek Wyoming's only seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, I did not know how the race would shape up. My decision to run was not based on whom the opponent(s) might be but rather on my belief that I could best do the job in Congress - to represent the interests of the Wyoming people in Washington and do it with dignity, honor and ability.

My background has been well-chronicled. I graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972 and then spent 30 years in the nuclear Navy. I was twice commanding officer of Navy ships and I spent three tours of duty at the Pentagon. My wife, Louise, and I were married two days after I graduated from Annapolis and we remain married today - over 36 years later. I don't just mouth the words "family values," I live them and I have practiced them. Louise and I have three sons, two daughters-in-law and one grandson. We are a close family.

A political campaign is both an exhilarating and a grueling experience. This year's campaign has provided countless forums, debates and joint appearances with the other candidates. I have heard and read what each of my opponents have had to say and I have seen and heard their broadcast commercials extolling their own background and demeaning their opponent's.

I believe we have a fine field from which to choose. But I think that I trump the other candidates - both Republican and Democrat - in every measurement that should be used to judge a candidate.

I didn't enter this contest with the greatest family name recognition or with the greatest personal wealth. But, I am confident that Wyoming voters look beyond those

distinctions and will choose the candidate who they conclude can best do the job for them in Washington.

I AM THAT CANDIDATE!

My Democratic opponent in November has run radio ads in which he says things have gotten worse since the Democrats became the majority party after the last election. I agree with him. And I believe I am the best qualified Republican candidate to represent Wyoming in the U.S. House. My experience in the Pentagon will prove invaluable in working with my peers on both sides of the aisle. I am the only candidate with hands-on experience in Washington.

As a retired Navy Captain and Washington, D.C. veteran, I will enter Congress with the greatest acceptance of any candidate in this race. Not only because of my six-plus years of Pentagon experience but also because I served as commanding officer of two Navy ships. My experience will garner respect.

The USS Benjamin Franklin was a nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine and those commands are not lightly assigned. The other ship, the USS Holland, had a ship's complement 1,300+ and that command was the equivalent of being CEO of a mid-level corporation. No other candidate in this race has had direct responsibility for so many people.

I am a conservative Republican who has not contributed to nor campaigned for Democratic candidates or causes. I am the socially conservative in the race. I am the most fiscally conservative candidate in this race, also.

Three critical issues must be addressed immediately after I arrive in Washington: 1.) We must control our borders. This is a security as well as a social issue.

We should deport illegal immigrants who are now being held in our jails and prisons on felony or multiple misdemeanor convictions - **ONCE OUR BORDERS ARE SECURE!** 2.) Congress must control its spending, including an immediate end to earmarks! We cannot continue to ignore the federal debt. It is a burden that will be placed on the backs of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. 3.) We must control our sources of energy, which includes immediate approval for further production from our domestic resources. We can accomplish that without damage to the environment by utilizing new technology, including multiple wells from one well pad and underground directional and horizontal drilling.

I support the Second Amendment. I believe that the right to bear arms is an individual right under the Constitution and I agree with the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the subject. I support the sanctity of human life and I believe abortion is wrong. I believe marriages should be only between a man and a woman. I believe energy and the economy are inextricably linked and, as your Representative, I will fight to hold Wyoming's position at the energy table.

I believe promises made by the government must be kept - to veterans, the elderly, all Americans. I will fight to see that commitments made about Social Security are kept. I am the only veteran in this race and I will be a leading advocate in Congress to insure that veterans receive the benefits they were promised and the care which they deserve and have earned.

Your vote for me on August 19th would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

/s/ Bill Winney

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