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Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen appointed to national committee to address military and veteran issues

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen recently was appointed to the National Association of Counties Veterans and Military Services committee, which will pursue best practices and services for the nation's veterans and active duty military members.

The National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

Holen will serve as a member of the Veterans and Military Services committee, which will work to develop and highlight county best practices and policies to promote innovative programs, services and benefits for the nation's military, veterans and their families. He also is a member of NACo's Transportation Steering Committee.

"It is an amazing honor to be asked to participate in this NACO committee," Holen said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues from counties throughout our nation to serve our veterans and members of our armed forces."

Holen also serves as a goodwill ambassador to the Air Force as a 460th Space Wing representative in the Air Force Space Command Commander's Group. He has extensive military experience. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968; served in the Colorado Air National Guard from 1981 to 1991 and attended the U.S. Army War College National Security Seminar in 2009.

Holen is serving his first term as Arapahoe County Commissioner representing District 5, which includes the City 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 Metro Area County Commissioners, Aurora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Colorado Counties Inc. Transportation and Telecommunication committee; E-470 Public Highway Authority, Metro Crisis Services, Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health and Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority.

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