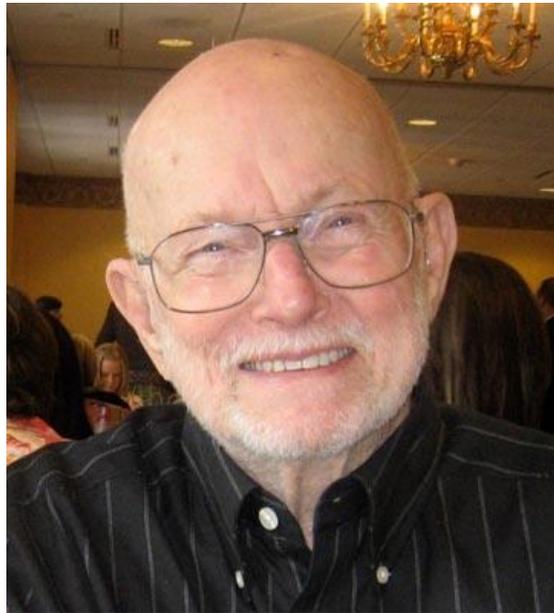


Dear Friend,

Over the past month, you have probably heard a lot of people, including myself, talking about the ongoing problems with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and with good reason. As a nation, we should all pledge to serve our veterans, once they return home, just as they served to protect us. However, in these tumultuous times for the VA, I believe it is important to remember and honor those who have shown exemplary service and dedication to our nation's veterans.

### **House Approves Gosar Bill to Name Prescott Vet Center After Dr. Cameron McKinley**

On Tuesday this past week, the House of Representatives unanimously passed my sponsored legislation, H.R. 1216, which will designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center".



(Picture courtesy of The Daily Courier)

I am proud to see the House recognize the distinguished life and career of Dr. Cam McKinley. Dr. McKinley demonstrated extraordinary service both as a U.S. Marine and as a veteran advocate. Much of his career was spent as Chief Psychologist at the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital, a facility in which he played an integral role in having opened. His medical service was nothing short of groundbreaking, improving the lives of countless Arizona veterans while specializing in treating post traumatic

stress disorder.

Dr. McKinley strove for exemplary service to his veteran colleagues. We should all follow in his footsteps and challenge ourselves to serve others as he did. The challenge before us as a nation is to provide timely, quality, patient-centered, and patient-friendly care to each and every veteran, just as Dr. McKinley did every day. Naming the Prescott Vet Center after him will remind us of that vital mission. You can watch my comments on the House floor honoring Dr. McKinley [HERE](#) or by clicking the picture below.



Rep. Gosar speaking on the House floor honoring Dr. Cameron McKinley.

### **Arizona 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Constituents Inspire Idea Behind Gosar Passed Amendment**

This week, the House continued the annual process of appropriating federal funds to various government agencies and departments. We focused this week on Department of Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 2015. I was able to pass three amendments targeted at cutting wasteful spending out of the defense budget. However, I am particularly proud of one of those amendments.

I always say that I rely on my constituents to be my eyes and ears on the ground looking for ways that we can cut spending and make the federal government more efficient and effective. My actions this week are a testament to that principle. On Thursday June 19, the efforts and ideas of a group of constituents in the Fourth Congressional District were included in an amendment that the House unanimously agreed upon.

My amendment saves the U.S. Army around \$5 million a year by switching back to a previous aviation flight uniform that has proven to be safer and more cost effective. Given the safety and practicality applications, combined with the fact that the United States is not exactly running a budget surplus right now, saving a few million here and there in the name of safety and practicality is something we should all agree upon.

**This is how the legislative process is *meant* to work!**

I represent **YOUR** interests and ideas. I am constantly inspired by working with Arizona's constituents in order to take action and make progress in the name of limiting government waste and abuse. I hope that everyone reading this will continue to connect with my office so that we can work together to build a freer, more prosperous nation. You can read more about the amendment [HERE](#).

My other two House-passed amendments are outlined here:

**Amendment 2: Prohibiting Funds for Unused Afghanistan Patrol Boats:** This amendment prohibits the Department of Defense from wasting more money on storage for eight patrol boats which have already cost taxpayers more than \$3 million. These boats have never been used and have been sitting in storage in Virginia for almost four years. Read more [HERE](#).

**Amendment 3: Prohibiting Funds from Going to Terrorists:** This amendment will further hold accountable foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs), in addition to those foreign governments who support their efforts. Giving assistance to FTOs is generally outlawed in the U.S. Code, but the Obama Administration time and time again has failed to enforce the laws of this nation. My amendment checks both the President's lawless behavior in addition to his listless and dangerous foreign policy agenda. Read more [HERE](#).

**House GOP Elects New Leadership**

If you follow the national political news scene, then you probably already know that last week House Majority Leader, Eric Cantor (R-VA), became the first sitting Majority Leader to lose in a primary election in the history of the House of Representatives. It was a shocking result that will have a big impact on the direction of Congress.

While media pundits spent the past week frantically analyzing the results and predicting what is next in store for the House, Rep. Cantor's loss reminded me of one simple truth. Our elected leaders cannot forget that they serve the people that elect them. Period. If members of Congress

forget that important fact, and fail to remember that they represent the ideas and opinions of their constituents, then they will not be members of Congress for long. That is why I will continue to listen to your ideas and concerns and engage with you on finding solutions to our nation's biggest challenges.

Rep. Cantor made the decision to step down from his position as Majority Leader and on Thursday June 19, the House GOP elected Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) to be the new Majority Leader and Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) as the new Majority Whip to replace Kevin McCarthy. Our new leadership has a difficult challenge ahead but I remain optimistic that they can effectively lead the House and I look forward to working with them in order to better hold our elected leaders accountable for their actions.



Majority Leader Elect – Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)



Majority Whip Elect – Steve Scalise (R-LA)

**Government Waste - Fact of the Week:**

Federal tax revenues continue to run at a record pace in 2014, as the federal government's total receipts for the fiscal year closed at an unprecedented **\$1,934,919,000,000**. Despite record revenue, the federal government still ran a deficit of **\$436.382 billion** in the first eight months of 2014.



(Picture courtesy of [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com))

### **Congressional District 4: Did You Know?**

Arizona is large enough to fit all of New England plus the state of Pennsylvania inside of it (113,998 square miles).



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

WHEN: Friday July 4, 2014  
EVENT: 4th of July Home Town Celebration  
TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
LOCATION: Green Valley Park  
1000 W. Country Club Payson, AZ 85541

WHEN: Saturday July 5, 2014  
EVENT: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade  
TIME: 9:00 AM  
LOCATION: Prescott Courthouse Plaza

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter [@repgosar](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Member of Congress