



THIS IS HOW GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO WORK

Dear Friend,

This week, I continued my efforts to push back against the anti-gun policies of the Obama Administration by successfully blocking an unjustified ATF ammo ban. But I can't take the credit for this accomplishment. The idea behind my legislation was inspired by a group of citizens from Prescott, AZ who brought this issue to my attention. Their vigilance of liberty was affirmed by the House of Representatives which used the "power of the purse" to defeat one of ATF's backdoor gun-control measures. This is how "We the People" is supposed to work and the country has some good folks in Prescott to thank for this victory. To learn more about the successfully passed amendment and the Prescott citizens behind it, click [HERE](#).

Continuing the Fight Against Obama's Illegal Amnesty



In recent years, the Department of Justice has instructed U.S. Attorney's Offices in some states not to prosecute persons that violate certain criminal immigration laws and to terminate worthwhile enforcement programs like Operation Streamline. [I have heard firsthand from local law enforcement in Yuma, Arizona](#) that such actions have placed unnecessary burdens on these officers, increased costs, put local communities at risk and encouraged more illegal immigration. In order to change the rampant culture of corruption within this rogue agency, I cut funds and increased oversight for DOJ employees who have failed to enforce our immigration laws. I am a firm believer in proper oversight of the federal government and there is no question that more oversight is needed at DOJ. I will continue to send a message through House appropriations bills that failure to enforce the laws on the books will result in serious financial consequences. Click [HERE](#) to read learn more about how I'm keeping up the fight to stop Obama's amnesty.

Supporting Veterans Treatment Courts

Many of our nation's military heroes return home from combat and face serious challenges including finding employment, addiction to drugs and alcohol as well as suffering from mental illness. These veterans need and deserve focused treatment to combat their struggles. For that reason, I was proud to pass an amendment that reprograms funds from ATF bureaucracy to Veterans Treatment Courts. We should all agree that providing treatment for our veterans and others that need it through community partnerships at the local level is a far better option than locking them up. The Veterans Treatment Court Program has proven results in helping Veterans and is a proper use of government funds. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



JUSTICE FOR VETS

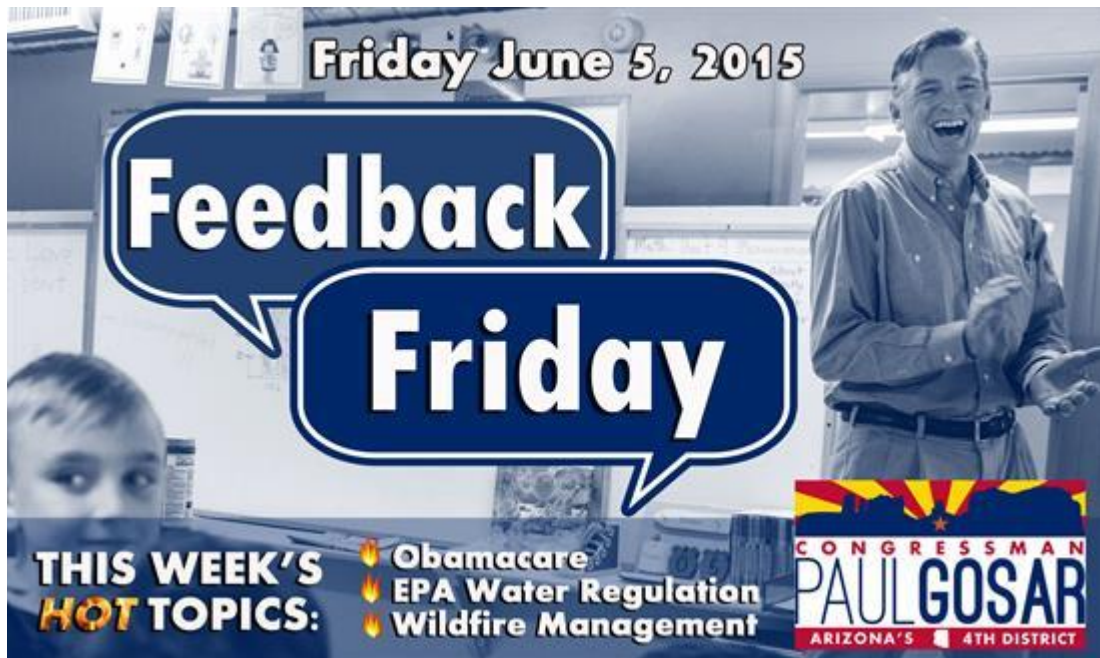
Blocking \$500 Million in Wasteful Spending

President Obama wanted to spend \$500 million for an unnecessary and wasteful bus transit program... Not on my watch he isn't. I introduced an amendment last week that successfully stopped this wasteful spending in its tracks. In recent years, more and more resources have been sucked out of the highway trust fund and diverted to wasteful and unnecessary transit projects that only benefit a small fraction of Americans. With significant infrastructure needs, including road and bridge maintenance, now is not the time to be spending \$500 million on a new discretionary bus transit program. I'm pleased my colleagues in the House passed my amendment affirming that construction projects for our nation's porous infrastructure system are more important than an expensive, new bus program that will do little or nothing to reduce congestion. The first step on the road to fiscal stability is ending the cycle of spending money on programs that don't work for things we don't need with money we don't have.



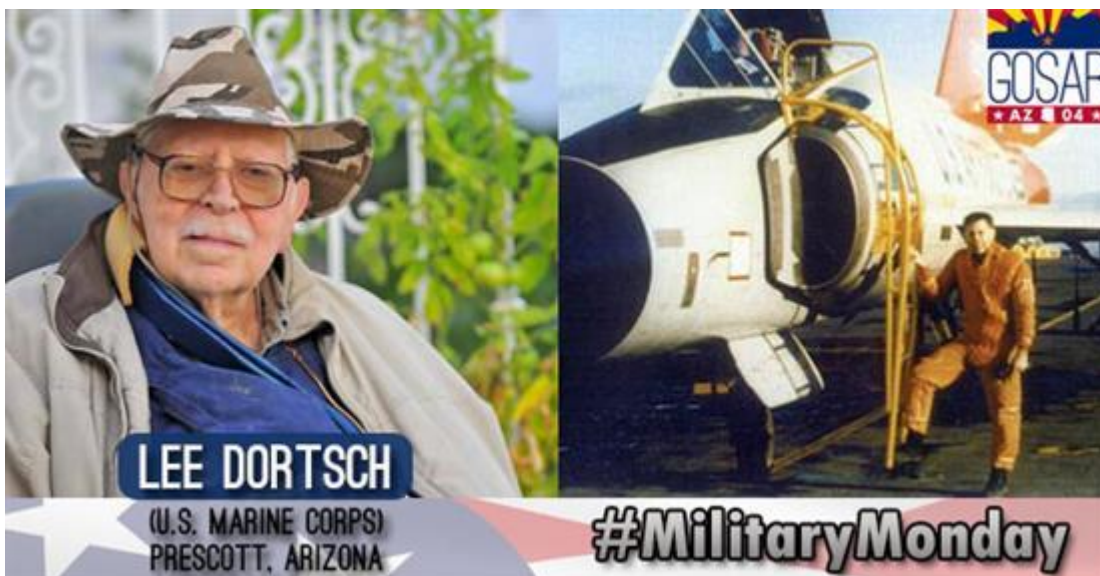
Feedback Fridays

You got questions? I got answers. This week I'm starting a new feature called Feedback Fridays. This is your chance to ask me questions you have about anything... legislation, current events, my favorite Beatles album... and I'll record my answers and post the video to Facebook. To watch this week's Feedback Friday click the picture below.



Military Monday

This week's Military Monday comes straight from the Prescott Daily Courier: An American hero: Iwo Jima Marine proud to 'wear my country's uniform'



(Photo's courtesy of the Prescott Daily Courier)

World War II Marine and Iwo Jima survivor Lee Dortsch is a true American hero, a Silver Star and double Purple Heart recipient proud of his deeds but prouder still of those who,

unlike him, never returned from battle.

"I was honored to wear my country's uniform and give it the best I had," declared the 92-year-old gentle bear of a man who is hard of hearing and requires oxygen that causes him to speak in a hoarse whisper. His mane of silky white hair curls under the back of a bright red Lake Havasu baseball cap. Despite failing health that requires he be confined to a wheelchair, Dortsch talks fondly of his decision as a 19-year-old Utah youth to join the Marines so he could fight the Japanese.

On his birthday in April, Dortsch was feted by family, friends and fellow Marines at the Community Living Center of the Northern Arizona Veteran Affairs Health Care System where he is a patient. They sang a robust version of the "Marine's Hymn" with the lyrics that include "From the Halls of Montezuma..."

Click [HERE](#) to continue reading more about Lee Dortsch's incredible story of courage and sacrifice.

And remember, if you know of a current or former member of the military in the fourth district that you would like to recognize for Military Monday, send me a message with their contact information at: <http://gosar.house.gov/contact-me> or [facebook.com/repgosar](https://www.facebook.com/repgosar) via direct message.

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,



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