



July Fourth is always one of my favorite holidays. Nothing beats parades, fireworks, grilling and spending time with family and friends while celebrating our Independence Day. I hope you and your loved ones have been able to enjoy some quality time together and that you have had a blessed and safe weekend.

But as we celebrate this holiday, its important to remember the Founding Fathers who gave us the precious gift of freedom.

John Adams once stated, "Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."

Our Founding Fathers united against an oppressive British government in order to secure our God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Today, let us reflect on those words and what it means to be an American. Let us remember the courageous men and women that have sacrificed so much in defense of our liberty and freedoms. Let us recognize the significance of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence some 240 years ago. Click <u>HERE</u> and take a minute today to re-read that important document that sparked a revolution and established the God-given rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for every American.

From my family to yours, Happy Independence Day!



REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR FALLEN HOTSHOTS



In remembering those that have sacrificed so much for our country, let us not forget that the week of July Fourth also marks the anniversary of the tragic Yarnell Hill fire which took place on June 30, 2013.

In the three years since we lost 19 of our bravest heroes, the Prescott community and the families of the victims have dealt with the impossible task of having to rebuild in the face of overwhelming tragedy.

However, the sadness that so many others and I still feel today is dwarfed by the pride

that belongs to the people of our community for knowing that our fallen Hotshots represent the very best of humanity. Their complete selflessness and courage to answer the call of duty when we needed them most are eternal. Their spirit to boldly act and protect the defenseless will never perish.

Although nothing will ever replace the husbands, fathers and sons that were lost, we must continue to honor the Granite Mountain Hotshots and live our lives in a way that is worthy of their sacrifice. Please join me in remembering these brave heroes this July fourth weekend and praying for their families as they continue to rebuild.

BROTHERLY LOVE

I would like you to meet Robert Coe (pictured below) from Chino Valley. Robert's brother, William Coe, was tragically lost at sea in 1943 while serving in the U.S. Navy. Robert is the last surviving member of the Coe family and wanted to find a way to honor his brother's service to our country.

A few months ago, Robert called my office asking for help to obtain any combat medals that his brother earned but never received during his time serving in the Navy. With the help of my amazing staff, we were able to track down a Purple Heart that William earned which I was honored to present to Robert this past week.

As the oldest of ten brothers and sisters, I can tell you firsthand that I would do anything for my siblings. The love between two brothers is something that never fades and that is certainly true for Robert and William Coe.





BENGHAZI COMMITTEE RELEASES FINAL REPORT

On Wednesday, the House Select Committee on Benghazi released a report detailing significant new information uncovered about the Benghazi terrorist attack that killed four Americans: Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone S. Woods and Glen Doherty.

This new report confirms that the attack was completely preventable and that the Obama Administration, including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, attempted to cover up their own incompetence by lying to the American people and the families of the victims.

I'll be working with my colleagues on the Committee to find ways to hold this administration accountable for its disgraceful behavior. Click on the picture below to watch a video about the new details of the Benghazi timeline that Obama doesn't want you to know. The full report can be found here: <u>www.benghazi.house.gov</u>



TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE FEATURES REP. GOSAR

I'm proud to call Taxpayers Protection Alliance a friend and ally in the fight to protect American taxpayers from federal waste, fraud and abuse. Last week I joined TPA's Michi_Iliazi on the Taxpayer Watch Podcast and was honored to be featured for their inaugural "Member Spotlight."

Click <u>HERE</u> or on the picture below to hear how I'm taking action and cracking down on the lawlessness at the IRS and EPA.





I was grateful for the opportunity to speak with Salome School District educators this past week. We had a lively discussion about the latest education issues facing Arizona students and parents. Big thanks to Bernard and Loretta Oviatt (pictured below) who extended me the invitation to speak.





Thank you to everyone who came out Wednesday night in Bullhead City for my townhall meeting.



Right after my townhall meeting in Bullhead City, I made my way over to Lake Havasu City on Thursday to host another townhall, updating folks about the latest news on our fight to keep Lake Havasu open for all users. Click <u>HERE</u> or on the picture below to read more from HavasuNews.com.





Hands down, my favorite way to beat the summer heat...Ice Cream. Big shout-out to Scoops Homemade Ice Cream in Lake Havasu City for keeping me cool during one of my pit stops this past week.



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

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