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Hon. Stephen E. Buyer



Stephen E. Buyer was a member of the United States House of Representatives, serving nine consecutive terms and representing Indiana's 4th (previously 5th) Congressional district from January 1993 to January 2011. Congressman Buyer's long tenure in Congress, especially his service on the Committees on Veterans Affairs and Armed Services, along with his many years of active duty and reserve military service, afford him considerable insight into the challenges facing service members, veterans, and their families.

Congressman Buyer served as Chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs for the 109th Congress, as well as the Ranking Minority Member for the 110th and 111th Congresses. Congressman Buyer also served on the House Armed Services Committee from 1993 to 2001, including as Chair of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel in the 105th and 106th Congresses. He founded and co-chaired the National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus. He created TRICARE For Life and authored the military's pharmacy redesign. His other Congressional assignments included service on the health and technology subcommittees of the Committee on Energy and Commerce from 2001 to 2010, where he assisted in creating Medicare Part D. He also served the House Committee on Judiciary from 1993 to 1999 and served as a House Impeachment Manager in the Trial of President Clinton.

Congressman Buyer, as an Army Reserve officer, has served four years on active duty, including a tour of duty in Iraq during the first Gulf War (1990-91) as an Operational Law Judge Advocate, providing legal counsel to commanders and interrogating Iraqi POW's. After 30 years of credible service, he retired in the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps.

Prior to his tenure in the United States Congress, Congressman Buyer served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, served as an Indiana state Deputy Attorney General, and engaged in a private law practice. After retiring from Congress in 2011, Congressman Buyer created his own firm called the Steve Buyer Group, LLC.

Congressman Buyer is a distinguished military graduate of The Citadel in 1980 with a B.S. degree, and received his J.D. from Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana in 1984. He is a member of the Indiana and Virginia Bar.