

REP. MIKE COFFMAN (R-CO) NAMES NEW GENERAL COUNSEL AND MILITARY LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

**(WASHINGTON)** - Congressman Mike Coffman of Colorado today announced two new additions to his Washington, D.C. team. Colorado native Mary Woodard joins the staff as General Counsel, while retired Marine Colonel Greg Akers will serve as his Military Legislative Assistant.

“I am very excited to have Mary and Greg on board,” Coffman said. “Their unique experience and backgrounds in both the public policy arena and the U.S. military will undoubtedly be a huge asset to our office.”

Before being tapped by Coffman to serve as his General Counsel, Woodard had her own legal, regulatory and government affairs practice where she focused primarily on natural resources issues. Prior to that, Woodard worked as a policy advisor to Colorado Gov. Bill Owens.

“I’m thrilled Rep. Coffman asked me to help shepherd his legislative initiatives through Congress,” Woodard said. “It’s truly an honor, and I’m humbled to be doing the people’s work in Washington.”

Retired Col. Greg Akers served in the United States Marine Corps for 29 years before withdrawing from active service in 2007. After retiring, Akers worked as Director of Veterans’ Affairs at the University of Colorado.

Friends since 1979, where they first met while serving together in the U.S. Marine Corps, Akers will work with Rep. Coffman on issues concerning defense authorization and the appropriations process.

“After knowing the Congressman for so long, it’s exciting to be able to work with him in this capacity,” Akers said. “I am honored, and I hope that with our combined military experience we will be able to uniquely identify legislation that will help our armed forces operate more effectively and efficiently.”

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