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Alaska Legislators Who Served in the Military

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Which current Alaska Legislators served in the military, what was their rank, and how many years did they serve?

We identified four senators and two representatives in the 30th Alaska Legislature who served in the military. In the table below, we list the six individuals with military service.¹

Lawmakers in the 30th Alaska Legislature Who Served in the Military		
Senate		
Senator	Military Branch/Rank	Years of Service
John Coghill	U.S. Air Force, Staff Sergeant	Five years
Dennis Egan	Alaska Army National Guard, Rank unspecified	Seven years
Mike Shower	U.S. Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel	20 years
Gary Stevens	U.S. Army, First Lieutenant	Three years
House		
Representative	Military Branch/Rank	Years of Service
David Eastman	U.S. Army, Captain	Ten years active duty, two years Army Reserve
Steve Thompson	U.S. Army, Sergeant E-5	Two years
Notes: Representative Eastman's service included his time as a West Point Cadet. He was also stationed at Fort Richardson and served in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. We were unable to ascertain more details on the other legislators' military service given time constraints.		
Sources: Senate and House majority and minority websites, Alaska Division of Elections information, and newspaper articles.		

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

¹ To ascertain this information, we checked numerous sources including both the Senate and House majority and minority websites, Alaska Division of Elections information, and newspaper articles. While we believe that our review was thorough, it is possible that we missed lawmakers who have military service or did not credit those we did identify with their correct rank or years of service.