

Friends,

Today, as we celebrate Veterans Day, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to all our current and former military members who have served this nation. And I wanted to give a special thanks to all the veterans I represent here in North Carolina's 9th District.

America's veterans embody courage and honor, while securing peace here at home and around the globe. The freedoms we celebrate did not come free, but from the sacrifices of men and women in uniform throughout our country's history.

WATCH: Presenting Sgt. Garner with our nation's flag

Yesterday, I spoke to a group of veterans at the Union County Sheriff's Office Event, where I had a chance to honor UCSO Sgt. Shilo Garner who retired on November 1st of this year. In addition to his law enforcement career, Sgt. Garner spent a total of 30 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving three tours in Iraq and serving in Desert Storm.

I was honored to be able to present Sgt. Garner with our nation's flag for both his service in our military and local law enforcement.

One thing in common when speaking to veterans, from WWII, Iraq, or Afghanistan, is that they share an obvious love for America. And as a Member of Congress, I'm proud to represent the many veterans who live in the Fort Bragg area and around the District. There are some who say America's best days are behind it, but I'm confident that as long as we have the spirit displayed by veterans like Sgt. Garner that we'll be in good shape.

If you're a veteran and need assistance with a federal agency, my district staff is ready to help. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help navigating the bureaucracy – we'll do everything we can to assist.

TWEET: <u>Happy 246th Birthday Marines!</u>

No Payments for Illegal Immigrants

Also, I wanted to quickly address an issue that many of you have reached out to me about and are rightfully concerned with. Recently, it was reported that the Biden Administration plans on issuing settlement payments to illegal immigrants all because President Trump enforced our laws to secure the border.

The amount? \$450,000 per illegal immigrant.

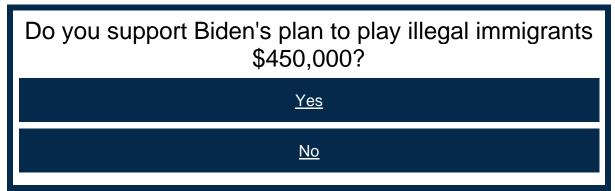
TWEET: Payments to illegal immigrants is an insult to working Americans

Many American families are struggling to make ends meet right now thanks to President Biden's catastrophic inflation. Where is Biden's relief for them? Paying illegal immigrants with our own tax dollars is not just morally wrong, but it's also bad policy. We are in the middle of the worst border crisis in history thanks to this Administration. It sends a bad signal to illegal migrants that they will receive a cash reward for crossing our border.

Last week, I joined my House Republican colleagues in putting a stop to it, signing onto Rep. Tom McClintock's (R-CA) Illegal Immigration Payoff Prohibition Act. I will continue fight for you and against Biden's radical policies that will harm our country, such as this one.

MORE: Democrats want amnesty for illegal immigrants, we have to call it out

Facing Vaccination Mandates? My office is here to help!



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It is an honor to represent you in Congress. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 202-225-1976 or at RepDanBishop@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely, Dan Birkop

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