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## **Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen appointed by NACO to committees to address transportation; military and veteran issues**

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen has been appointed to serve on the National Association of Counties Transportation subcommittee and also named vice chair of the Veterans and Military Services committee, which pursues legislation to address a broad array of programs that support military families and strengthen communities throughout the country.

The [National Association of Counties](http://www.naco.org) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACO assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACO promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

NACO's Veterans and Military Services Committee and its members work to develop and highlight county best practices and policies to promote innovative programs, services and benefits for our nation's military, veterans and their families.

"It is an honor to be chosen for both committees, but I take great pride in serving in a leadership capacity to work on military and veteran issues," said Holen is serving his first term as Commissioner representing District 5, which includes Glendale and portions of Aurora. "I look forward to working with commissioners from counties across our nation to share new and innovative ideas to protect our nation's veterans and military service men and women; while also finding ways to improve and protect our nation's transportation infrastructure."

Holen is a Vietnam Army Veteran and a former member of the Colorado Air National Guard. He serves as a Goodwill Ambassador to the United States Air Force 460<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Commander's Group. In 2013, he chaired the Colorado Bipartisan Military Post-Traumatic Stress Task Force, which address PTSD and brain trauma to veterans returning home from service. In 2013, he participated in the U.S. Air Force Air War College and the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Security Forum.

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