



Congressman Patrick J. Murphy
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8th Congressional District

Patrick J. Murphy started out at Bucks County Community College in 1991 before continuing his education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and becoming a Cadet in the Army ROTC program. He graduated with a double major and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1996. Patrick then excelled at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He learned to balance being tough and compassionate while working in the Harrisburg Civil Law Clinic, a legal services clinic serving the poor of Harrisburg. He also served as the legislative aide to Representative Thomas Tangretti from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Patrick went on to become a professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, airborne and air assault qualified, and a JAG Corps attorney. Congressman Murphy served served two deployments after 9/11 - the first to Bosnia in 2002 and the second to Baghdad, Iraq in 2003-2004 as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. While in Iraq, Congressman Murphy advised on offensive operations, initiated reconstruction efforts within the justice system, trained the new Iraqi Civil Defense Corps on the rules of engagement and was instrumental in the prosecution of Sheik Moyad, a radical lieutenant of Muqtada Sadr. For his service, Congressman Murphy earned the Bronze Star and his unit earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

Patrick taught America's future military leaders at West Point. He regards this as one of his greatest accomplishments. As an assistant professor of constitutional law and the 'values and education officer,' he took seriously his charge to develop leaders of character. His reach went beyond West Point, as he has lectured at the U.S. Air Force Academy and at the International Institute for Humanitarian Rights in San Remo, Italy. He has also taught American government as an adjunct professor at Mount Saint Mary College, currently lectures at the Widener University School of Law, and volunteers his time as a mentor to college and law students. Formerly, Patrick practiced law with Cozen O'Connor.

On Nov. 7th, 2006 Captain Patrick Murphy was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. Sworn into office on Jan. 4th, 2007, Congressman Murphy has pledged to serve his constituents with the same devotion, integrity, diligence and honor he has shown throughout his life. He was selected to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Outside of these committees, as a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, he has been a strong proponent for fiscal responsibility and improved Veterans benefits.

Congressman Murphy currently lives in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania with his wife, Jennifer, and Maggie, their new-born baby girl.