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**VETERANS LAMBASTE LAMBORN'S EFFORTS
TO BOOST HIS MILITARY BONAFIDES**

*Doug's decision to sit out his military service does not
qualify him to serve on Armed Services Committee*

COLORADO SPRINGS – Monday, October 2, 2006 – Veterans in CD-5 and across the country today reacted to a Republican leader's attempt to shoe-horn the grossly-unqualified Doug Lamborn onto the House Armed Services Committee – weeks before the election has even occurred.

In an attempt to shore up his significant lack of credibility on military matters, Doug Lamborn claimed this past weekend that he has been pre-ordained to serve on the House Armed Services Committee, based on a letter from Rep. Dennis Hastert (R-IL).

The Fawcett campaign dismissed the letter as a campaign gimmick. "This is not a fairy tale, Doug Lamborn is not Cinderella, and Dennis Hastert is not his Fairy Godmother," said Wanda James, Fawcett campaign manager, a veteran who served in the US Navy.

Other veterans had equally sharp words:

"Jay is an outstanding man. I served with him in both Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Jay will serve the people of Colorado's Fifth Congressional District in the same outstanding manner he served the United States Military," said Gen. Hugh Shelton, Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The last thing we need on the House Armed Services Committee is another non-veteran," added Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), a 37-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who fought in Vietnam and has been a Congressman since 1974.

"We are at war and we want the most qualified people with real experience serving on the Armed Services Committee," said Colorado Springs City Councilman Scott Hente, an Air Force Academy graduate, a combat veteran and a longtime Republican. "In all ways, Jay Fawcett fits the mark."

"Jay Fawcett is a decorated veteran who has the experience and ability we need in Washington, D.C.," added Max Cleland, a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War who was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for valorous action in combat. "We want people with a 'boots on the ground' understanding of military issues. We have enough people in Washington, D.C. with 'loafers in the office' experience."



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The Lamborn campaign's Hastert letter stunt comes on the heels of Lamborn snubbing the Colorado Veterans for America request for an October 5 debate on veteran's issues between Fawcett and Lamborn. The Lamborn campaign refused to participate in the debate, saying that forums like the Colorado Veterans for America debate would not have a large enough audience.

"CD-5 is home to the Air Force Academy, five military bases and thousands of military veterans – how big an audience does he want?" said Fawcett.

About Jay Fawcett

Colorado Springs resident Jay Fawcett is a graduate, former professor, and a former headquarters' squadron commander of the Air Force Academy. He was deployed in the first Gulf War serving in Desert Shield and the initial helicopter assault into Iraq during Desert Storm. Fawcett was awarded a Bronze Star for his actions. At Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, Jay served on the staff of the Deputy Commander for Operations of Air Combat Command. In 1998, after serving his country in combat and during the Cold War, Lt Col Fawcett retired from the Air Force and began working as a defense contractor including support of US Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base.

Fawcett's broad appeal – his military background and small business experience – cuts across traditional political boundaries. He has been endorsed by individuals and organizations that represent the needs and wishes of the people of CD-5, including the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the former Supreme Allied Commander; The Retired Enlisted Association Senior Citizens League, VETPAC, organized labor and a number of leading Republicans in CD-5. For more information on Jay and his campaign, visit <http://www.fawcett4congress.com/>.

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