

DR. JEFF VAN DREW, DEM., DENNIS

Senator Van Drew graduated from Cook College, Rutgers University and received his professional degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University's dental school. He served his dental residency at the Lyons and East Orange Veterans Hospital. He is a former president of the Dental Society, a board expert for the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and a fellow with the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Van Drew was elected to the Senate in 2007 and re-elected three times. He previously served three terms in the Assembly, from 2002 to 2008. He was elected to the Dennis Township Committee in 1991, and served numerous terms as mayor. He was elected to the Cape May County Freeholder Board in 1994, and served until his election to the Assembly.

The Senator sponsored a law that allows veterans' groups to properly bury unclaimed veteran remains as well as legislation to provide burial cost assistance to low-income families of deceased veterans. His measure requiring school districts to screen students at an early age for dyslexia and other reading disabilities was signed into law in January 2014.

Dr. Van Drew is a life member of the New Jersey Firemen's Association, and a master mason of Cannon Masonic Lodge. He was born Feb. 23, 1953.

Tom Malinowski

I was born in Communist Poland at the height of the Cold War, where I lived with my mother until I was 6 years old. One of my earliest memories is of my mom paying off a corrupt official to get the passports that would allow us to come to America. As young as I was, I understood I was living in a place where some people had all the power and could do whatever they pleased to people who had none. That's a feeling I've never forgotten.

I grew up in Central Jersey, going to public schools, playing baseball and hockey, and hoping that someday I could give something back to the country that gave me my freedom. As a kid, I was inspired by my dad, a journalist and champion of progressive causes, and my aunt, Anne Martindell, a breaker of glass ceilings who served parts of Hunterdon and Morris Counties in the New Jersey Senate. Public service was expected in my family and the path I've been privileged to pursue.

I had the chance to serve President Clinton on his National Security Council working to end some of the 20th Century's bloodiest humanitarian crises. As the chief advocate for Human Rights Watch, I led a bipartisan effort to end the Bush Administration's use of torture. Most recently, as an Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor under President Obama, I helped lead our global fight to defend the human rights of women and LGBTQ people, to protect workers in our trade agreements, to safeguard our privacy on the internet, to root out corruption, and to stand up to dictators like Putin and Kim Jong-Un.

I'm running for Congress because everything I've worked for on behalf of our country is now under attack by our own President and his Republican enablers. Trump may have won an election; I don't want him to win the argument about who we are as a nation.

We have so much work to do: repeal and replace the Republican tax bill that is so harmful to our district, fight for affordable healthcare, protect our environment, invest in our infrastructure, advance women's rights, and defend our democracy at home. I want to make sure that the people of the 7th District are heard and I am committed to listening; in town halls, in the grocery store... this district deserves a Congressman that answers to them.

Mikie Sherrill

As a Naval Academy graduate, a Navy helicopter pilot, and a federal prosecutor, Mikie Sherrill has a record of getting things done. Mikie is running to bring new leadership to Congress at a time when we need our leaders to come together to solve challenges and create opportunities for the people of New Jersey.

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1994, Mikie spent almost 10 years on active duty in the United States Navy. She flew missions throughout Europe and the Middle East as a Sea King helicopter pilot. Mikie worked on the Battle Watch Floor in the European Theater during the Iraq invasion, and served as a Flag Aide to the Deputy Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. She also served as a Russian policy officer and worked on the implementation of our nuclear treaty obligations and oversaw the relationship between the U.S. Navy and Russian Federation Navy.

After leaving the Navy in 2003, Mikie attended law school, earning a degree from Georgetown University. She worked as a lawyer and eventually joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey. As an Outreach and Re-entry Coordinator, Mikie developed programs to help prevent crime in the community. These programs developed trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, and helped people leaving prison to gain employment, housing, and education in order to restart their lives. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mikie worked to keep illegal guns off our streets and keep our communities safe. She prosecuted federal cases and advised law enforcement on investigations.

Mikie has a Bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy, a Master's degree in Global History from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Law Degree from Georgetown University.

Mikie and her husband Jason, a fellow Naval Academy graduate, live in Montclair, New Jersey, where they are raising their four children ages 12, 11, 8, and 6. Mikie coached her daughter's lacrosse team and managed her son's soccer team.