

David A. Yeoman

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Personal Statement

I am pursuing the office of USA Rugby Congressmember because I strongly believe rugby has a place in American sports. No other sport has the camaraderie and spirit which gives more back to the players than other social sports. I have found a home in every city in this and other countries simply because I play rugby. I feel obligated to take part in the national decision-making and direction-setting body to ensure the sport continues to grow and inspire new generations. I will promote high performance play as it is our ambassador for the sport, and I will ensure grassroots rugby stays strong and welcoming to youth and crossover athletes as well as the tens of thousands of social players. I have been active at all levels of rugby (youth, high school, collegiate, adult, select-side, coaching, refereeing, international events) and this has helped shape my opinion that clear, attainable goals shared across all levels and disciplines of the sport is what's needed to realize our dream of thriving rugby in America.

Rugby Experience

2010-present

Bay Area Rugby Club (President, Player, Coach, Referee), Houston Youth Rugby Association (Board-member), USA Sevens (International Team Liaison)

Responsible for the day-to-day operations of a men's amateur athletic club situated in the suburbs of Houston, TX. Ensured the team had adequate practice and game facilities, equipment and abided by the rules and regulations of USA Rugby and the Texas Rugby Union. Strived for a more professional, financially viable club by securing land for a new field complex, practice jerseys and newcomer welcome packets. Reinstated the Houston 15's annual rugby tournament in 2011 and partnered with the Lone Survivor Foundation which assists wounded veterans. Created youth development opportunities in Houston by fundraising and offering expert opinion and financial support to youth teams and individual players through donations and a grant program. Hosted Houston leg of the IRANZ camp.

2005-2010

Various Duties

Bay Area Rugby Club (VP, Player, Coach), Houston Athletic Rugby Club (Player), Colorado Springs Grizzlies RFC (VP, Player), Colorado College (Assistant Coach), Ft. Leonard Wood Marauders RFC (VP, Player)
Created and coached a U-19 team. Developed a Houston-based pre-season tournament to allow local clubs to have minimal travel and maximum playing and development time prior to the competitive season. Designated club event planner and coordinated the team's 35th anniversary event which included a youth rugby game, an alumni match and a dinner. Executed the day-to-day operations of the club.

2003-2004

Player, Rugby Union Marburg (Germany)

Won the regional third division championship. Selected for All-Army and U.S. Armed Forces Europe select sides.

1997-1999

Player, Army RFC

Outside of Rugby

Mechanical Engineering BS, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

Geological Engineering MS, Missouri Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri-Rolla)

U.S. Army veteran

Current oil and gas professional and former aerospace professional