

Rep. Steve O'Ban

Rep. Steve O'Ban is serving his first term as a state representative for the 28th District. A forty-year resident of the area, Steve and his wife, Laurie, a Tacoma Community College instructor, raised their two adult sons in the Titlow Beach area, near University Place, in West Pierce County.

Asked what he likes best about the community, Steve said it is the small-town feel and the spirit of helping the neediest in the community that he cherishes most. "I always know I can count on our friends and neighbors to lend a hand of support when we need it and my family is willing to do the same. That's what makes the area so special," he said.

An attorney by trade, Steve offers free legal assistance to the homeless and is on the board of the local rescue mission. He is also heavily involved in a nonprofit providing housing, food and after-school tutoring to residents on the Yakama Indian Reservation. "We all have a talent we can share with those around us to make lives a little better or brighter," he explained.

The 28th District is home to many military families. "They have unique challenges that we must help them meet because they have given so much for our freedom," Steve said. "They are making tremendous sacrifices for us and he welcomes the opportunity to work on policies that help military families."

Steve knows the challenges military members face firsthand because both of his sons serve in the United States Army, including one who is about to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Both of his sons will be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Steve was chosen to be the assistant ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee and also serves on the House Business and Financial Services and Transportation committees.