

# Rosino life of service continues beyond Navy

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For Paul Rosino, service is a driving force of life – from a 25-year veteran in the United States Navy to an Oklahoma state senator to advocates on behalf of his fellow veterans.

“Sen. Rosino really exemplifies public service – first in his service in Armed Forces and second his continuing service to citizens of Mustang, Yukon and Oklahoma City as their senator,” Mustang City Manager Tim Rooney said. “Similar to our expectations of those who serve in the military, Sen. Rosino is always available to assist when needed – I feel his military service prepared him well to continue that service as an elected official; Mustang is very fortunate to call him one of our own.”

Retiring at the Navy’s highest enlisted rank – master chief petty officer – Rosino for about 10 years was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, serving in Strategic Communications Wing One and supporting the base’s fleet of -6B aircraft.

In that job, Rosino supervised almost 200 military and civilian staff, in the process named Squadron Sailor of the Year and Company Commander of the Year.

After his retirement from the Navy, Rosino then turned his sights to the private sector, earning first a realtor’s, then broker’s, licenses and in 2009 opening Rosino Realty. In 2017, he was sworn in as Oklahoma District 45 state senator, an office he retained after a 2020 election.

His election was an important part of his continuing service, he said during a visit to his office at the state capitol. There, he retained items integral to his efforts to be elected to the state senate – the clothes and shoes he wore as he walked the district and spoke to potential constituents.

“I guess not a lot of people keep a pair of shoes and framed pair of pants in their office, but they’re a big deal for me,” Rosino said at that time. “They’re a constant reminder of why I decided to



**U.S. Navy veteran Sen. Paul Rosino stands in his office near three displays very important to his past and mission as an Oklahoma legislator, he says – a poem written by his sister to commemorate his November 2017 swearing in and shoes and pants worn by him every day he campaigned for the District 45 senate seat.** FILE PHOTO

do this in the first place and the promise I made to the people who became my constituents – I never want to forget why I’m up at the capitol.”

Since that time, Rosino said it’s been a primary goal to not only work for a better future for his district – which includes Mustang, a small part of Yukon, a large swath of southwest Oklahoma City and Valley Brook – but to provide someone who truly represents his constituents’ interests.

It’s a job he takes seriously.

“Of the proudest accomplishments I’ve had are the pieces of legislation I’ve worked with constituents to move forward and get signed into law,” Rosino said during a 2019 interview. “That’s what really counts, in the end – listening to the people I represent and helping to make their lives better.”

At the forefront of those efforts are his work on behalf of veterans, Rosino said. He works closely with Mustang American Legion Post 353, with the Department of Veterans Affairs and to provide assistance to and shine a light on the work done at Steven A. Cohen Veterans Network in Lawton.

A member of several committees, it was announced Oct. 27 Rosino would be the new chair of the senate health and human services committee.

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