ALEX RUFF, M.P.
MEMBER – CONSERVATIVE



RIDING

- Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound (Ontario)

ELECTION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

- Initially elected in 2019.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Graduated from Royal Military College with an Honours Bachelor of Space Science degree in 1997;
- Commanded troops as an infantry officer in The Royal Canadian Regiment;
- Has extensive experience with six operational deployments including the 1998 ice storm in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, two in Bosnia, two in Afghanistan and most recently in Iraq;
- Was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross by the Governor General in 2007; and
- Was a member of the Tara Branch 383 of the Royal Canadian Legion for more than 25 years, Life member and member of the Honorary Advisory Council of The Royal Canadian Regiment Association and Life member of the Royal Military College Ex-Cadet Club.

POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ROLES

- N/A

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (February 2020 – present)

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Veterans
- Senior Citizens
- Public Safety and Firearms
- Agriculture
- Affordable Housing

DETAILED INTERESTS

Veterans

Engagement with Veterans, Commemoration

- Attended the Annual Service for the International Shipmasters' Association & Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet at St George's Anglican Church in February 2020; honoured mariners by saying that "Mariners are essential to our economy and steeped in a history of sacrifice in service to our nation" [Twitter-2020-02-10];
- Applauded a local museum for its successful tribute to military members [Facebook-2019-07-27];
- Expressed his support for Major-General Jennie Carrigan, who "assumed command of the NATO Mission Iraq" [Twitter-2019-11-26 (retweeted from CAFOperations' Tweet – 2019-11-26)];
- Called for donations to the Grey Roots Museum and Archives to help honour and preserve the history of WWI Veterans [Facebook-2019-03-22];

- Attended an award ceremony for WWII Veteran Ken Reimer, who received the 2019 Veteran Ombudsman Commendation Award [Twitter-2019-11-28]; and
- Observed the Royal Canadian Regiment and Royal Canadian Dragoons' 136th Regimental birthday [Twitter-2019-12-21].

Mental Health / PTSD, Service Dogs

- Discussed issues such as PTSD, service dogs and firearm legislation in a televised interview with David Sherman on the weekly show *Politically Speaking* [Rogers TV-2020-01-17] [Facebook-2020-01-17].

Other

- Outlined his top priorities as an MP, which included Veterans and senior citizens [Facebook-2019-08-09];
- Listed Veterans/Military as a top priority on his platform website, saying that he "believes in taking care of our Veterans and ensuring that our military is properly, and predictably, funded." [Platform website 2019];
- Issued a statement on PM Justin Trudeau's Throne Speech, which took place on December 5th 2019; identified some points raised that would benefit his riding, such as support for Veterans and mental health care; he also wondered how the promises would be funded [Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre-2019-12-09] [Facebook-2019-12-09] [HoC Debate-2019-12-12]; and
- Spoke about his military career at the Lions Head Legion Branch 202 Veterans Dinner [Facebook-2019-10-01].

Senior Citizens

- Included Seniors as a priority on his platform website, including issues such as quality of life, accessible health care, and affordable housing [Platform website 2019].

Affordable Housing

- Listed affordable housing as a top priority in his 2019 electoral platform [Facebook-2019-04-18]; and
- Expressed support of discussions on affordable housing in the Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound region [Twitter-2020-01-17].

OTHER NOTES

- Demonstrated interest in agriculture and issues affecting rural areas, namely gun laws, Ontario farmers, and environmental issues [Platform website 2019] [HoC Debate-2020-01-28] [QP-2019-12-12], [HoC Debate-2020-01-28], [Twitter-2020-01-30], [Twitter-2019-12-18]; and
- Highlighted many of the top issues addressed in his platform: Seniors, Economy (pipelines, repeal the Carbon Tax, deficit control, small business), Rural Canada (Agriculture, standing up for firearms owners and property rights), Veterans/Military, Industry/Innovation and Community.