

Clarence Styvar's Bio

My name is Clarence Styvar. I am 54 years old. I have been married to my wife, Kimberly, for 26 years. We have 4 children, two girls and two boys. Kaitlynn is 25, David is 24, Lydia is 21, and Matthew is 15.

I was raised in Southwest Wyoming and I have lived in House District 12 for 14 years. I graduated from Lyman High School and joined the United States Army in 1983. I served in the United States Army (active duty) for about 10 years as an infantryman and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. I attended numerous military schools. My duties as a Staff Sergeant included supervising up to 250 soldiers from platoon to company size elements. I served on the General's staff as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC). In this position, I served as a liaison between the officers and enlisted personnel. I gained extensive knowledge of military policies and procedures. While on active duty I was stationed stateside, in Europe, and Southwest Asia. I have many military awards, but my highest award is the Bronze Star which I received in Operation Desert Storm. I went on to serve in the Army Reserves for an additional 6+ years. My time in the military taught me about working long arduous hours, determination, and team work.

After leaving active duty, I was hired by the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). I have worked for the UPRR for 25 years. I started on the railroad under the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Union in 1993 as a laborer on the section in Kemmerer, Wyoming. I then went to work on the Union Pacific's system gangs and worked my way up from laborer to foreman. During this time I traveled to projects from Chicago to Los Angeles. In 2000, I accepted the supervisory position of Construction Coordinator for the Union Pacific's Fiber Optic Program. This position falls under the ARASA Union. In this position, I coordinate third party fiber optic projects for the Asset Utilization Group. My major areas of responsibility are overseeing construction projects while reducing costs, improving efficiency, increasing revenues, ensuring safety, and increasing customer satisfaction. Many of these are multi-million dollar projects that require extensive coordination between the service units and fiber optic customers to ensure projects are completed safely, on budget, and in a timely manner.

In 2008, my wife and I received the Family Achievement Award. We were recommended for this award by UPLIFT. We have children with special needs and have had advocates help our family over the years with navigating the Individual Education Program (IEP) and 504 plans in the school system as well as the health care system. My wife and I have spent a great deal of time over the years attending numerous conferences. This has given us the opportunity to learn new information and network with other families. Although I am not specifically associated to an organization, I do actively advocate for families of children with special needs. I use my extensive knowledge I have learned from other advocates and mentors to assist other parents. I direct them to resources, advocacy groups, and I have attended several IEP meetings to provide support to the parents and offer suggestions. This is

my way of giving back. I take pride in helping other families so they can attain the same level of success that my children have achieved as a result of the advocacy and mentoring my family has received.

I am a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). I have held officer positions within the post as well as being elected as the District 5 Commander. During my tenure as District Commander I worked to encourage teamwork among the posts for the common goal of helping veterans, increasing membership, and community involvement. Last year I served as the Chief of Staff for the VFW Department of Wyoming for 2017-2018. This year I am serving as Judge Advocate for the VFW Department of Wyoming for 2018-2019.

I have also sat on my Homeowner Association for many years. I am a past vice-president of my homeowners association. Currently, I am on the Board of Directors.

I decided to run for House District 12 because I saw a poignant lack of leadership for our house district and in the legislature in these difficult times. Our state is facing fiscal challenges unlike anything we have seen in the past and I see these challenges as a direct result of lackluster leadership in the legislature. Our legislature has passed important bills intended to help the citizens of Wyoming but has fallen short of following up to ensure they have been implemented as intended. Many of our state agencies have not been audited in several years. I believe the transparency in our state government is lacking which has added additional problems to these difficult times.

It is critical to elect a leader with integrity and vision. I believe I possess the skills needed to be that leader. As your legislator, I will work with other representatives to ensure:

- Unwavering support of our Constitution
- Fiscal responsibility
- Accountably
- Transparency in government
- Bipartisan partnerships are built and sustained

I stand on a strong Republican platform for the success of House District 12, the Legislature, and the State of Wyoming. I would appreciate your support in being elected to House District 12.