



Bio - Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick

Ann Kirkpatrick was born and raised in rural Arizona, moved to Tucson to get her college education, and has performed a lifetime of service for Arizona families. She has also worked as a prosecutor, starting her career in the Pima County Attorney's office, before serving in Congress.

Born and raised in the White Mountains, Ann spent her childhood on the White Mountain Apache Nation. Her first words as a child were in the Apache language. With a Republican mother and a Democratic father, Ann learned early how to mediate disagreement. She is a graduate of Blue Ridge High School and earned both her bachelor's degree and her law degree from the University of Arizona.

She worked as a law clerk for the Pima County Attorney's office in the late 1970s, and served as Deputy Pima County Attorney from 1981 to 1984. She has also worked as an attorney in private practice. In November 2004, she was elected to the first of two terms in Arizona's House of Representatives, during which she worked with Governor Janet Napolitano to improve Arizona's K-12 schools. In 2008, Ann Kirkpatrick was elected to Congress. She was re-elected in 2012 and 2014, representing a district that ran from Tucson's northern suburbs of Marana and Oro Valley all the way to Flagstaff and the Navajo Nation.

In her first term in Congress, Ann passed bills that helped Arizona's veterans and Native American tribes, and her bipartisan legislation enacting a historic water settlement is today helping Arizona's urban, rural, and tribal communities. She has also been a leading voice in the push to reform the broken VA system and address problems exposed by Phoenix VA whistleblowers. Her call for a nationwide VA audit was enacted by the Obama administration within just 24 hours, and she was part of the bipartisan committee that brokered and passed major VA reform in 2014.

In 2016, Ann ran for the U.S. Senate against John McCain and ultimately lost a tough-fought race. During her time away from Congress, she moved to Tucson to help take care of her grandchildren.

In 2018, Ann was recruited to run for Congress against Marth McSally who had voted to repeal the ACA, which was a principal policy that was personal to Ann.

Ann ended up flipping Arizona's Second Congressional District, and in 2020 kept the district, winning by double digits.

As a member of the influential Appropriations Committee, Ann has crafted a legislative agenda driven by the needs of her constituents. With a focus on accessible healthcare, affordable higher education, building and investing in robust infrastructure, addressing climate change, and advocating for the district's competitive defense industry, Ann has prioritized bipartisan reforms that directly impact the families, businesses and communities she is honored to represent.

Ann and her husband, Roger, live in the Casas Adobes neighborhood in Tucson.