

Opening Statement Confirmation Hearing  
Patrick Murphy

Thank you Chairman McCain, Ranking Member Reed, and distinguished members of the Senate Armed Services Committee for the privilege of appearing before you today.

Mr. Chairman, I'm a third generation veteran and I'm eternally grateful for my family teaching me the ethos of Duty, Honor, Country.

I'd like to thank President Obama, Secretary Carter, and Acting Secretary Fanning for placing their trust and confidence in me with this nomination.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I hope to earn your support and confirmation as Under Secretary of the Army. My experience as an Iraq War Veteran and Congressman give me the unique perspective to be successful in this position.

I will make sure our Army is manned, trained, and equipped to accomplish what General Milley recently articulated as its fundamental task: to win in the unforgiving crucible of ground combat.

I will make sure our troops do not have a fair fight. I will make sure they have the tactical and technical advantage over our enemies.

If confirmed, I will work closely with this Committee to ensure we continue to have the best Army possible to defend our Nation.

Thank you.