

But Tre Magazine Interview with U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE ALLEN WEH

(REPUBLICAN-NEW MEXICO)

Allen Weh is New Mexico's Republican nominee for the United States Senate, and CEO of CSI Aviation Inc., an international air support and aviation logistics company based in Albuquerque, NM, which he founded in 1979. A 38-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Reserve with service in Vietnam, Somalia, and Iraq, Weh earned three Purple Hearts in combat service, along with numerous other medals and awards. In 2012, the New Mexico Business Weekly named him as one of the state's top performing CEOs. He is married to the former Rebecca Roberton and has three children and seven grandchildren. Weh holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from the University of New Mexico.

Please tell us about yourself.

I am an American and a New Mexican. I love this country and I make no apology for it. We all want better things for our families and we want our families kept safe. I've worked in the private sector and I've created jobs. I've also served in the military, in three wars. I've always answered my country's call and I did so voluntarily. With the blessings of great health and my life experiences, I'd like to apply my skills and wisdom to serve the people of New Mexico and our nation. I am also a husband, married to my wife for 46 years, as well as the father of three children and the grandfather of seven.

Please share with us your experiences with the Vietnam War: your twice services, the people, the war and its ending?

My two tours of duty in Vietnam, first in 1967, and then returning for year in late 1968, are almost as vivid in my memory as they were the day I left in 1969.

I recall friendly people who were struggling to save their country against Communist aggression.

I was proud to serve my country in Vietnam and participate in our effort to save South Vietnam. I will always regret that our efforts were not successful.

Washington is broken. In your opinion, who should take the blame: the Legislative, Executive or Judiciary? Or simply it is because of a system long in need of change but Washington is so reluctant to give it some thought?

All branches are ultimately responsible. That said, the Obama-Udall agenda has led to a massive expansion of government, spending, and debt. Our National Debt is now at \$18 Trillion. The Obama administration has produced more abuse of power, more scandals, and more federal overreach than I can remember in my lifetime.

How do you see the current paralyzing bipartisanship begin, and how could we check (not end) it?

Washington is broken. You have extremes on both sides of the aisle who are not willing to meet in the middle to find solutions. The first thing I will do, after I am sworn in, is to look for a member of the Senate Democrat caucus with whom I can sit down and discuss forging solutions to address the Nation's top needs: jobs, border security, balancing the budget and national security.

One of the major issues now facing the

country is immigration. In view of the current state of the United States, how positive do you think it is as a development factor of the nation? What do you think we can realistically do now – from the experience of New Mexico?

In our history, legal immigration has contributed greatly to our country, our state, our economy and culture. That said, we now have a broken system because we have a porous border that threatens our safety, and over 11 million people here illegally.

Before we overhaul our immigration policies, we must secure our border. This is critical for national security and a prerequisite for comprehensive reform.

Then we can reform immigration policies to resolve the status of those here illegally who have lived here for many years. And we need to return to the previous successful policy of awarding immigration visas based upon work or professional skills. Our nation's economic needs will then influence our immigration quotas.

Though you are a Republican, do you share any common idea with Democrat Party in term of social welfare/ health care?

I believe we need less Democrat and Republican solutions and more American solutions. While government has a role in ensuring a basic safety net, our families, churches, charities and communities are better positioned to help and encourage those who have special care needs.

Do you support Obamacare?

No. Obamacare is a train wreck. It put a government bureaucracy between a patient and his or her doctor. It will ultimately cost over \$1.4 trillion, is killing job growth, and has cut \$716 billion from Medicare.

What do you think of the statistic that most of the new generated wealth is concentrated in 1% of the population? Should the government do something so the wealth can be distributed more evenly?

The government "nanny state" policies are why we have this concentration of wealth. They have ravaged our middle class and made achieving the "American Dream" more difficult.

The Obama administration, with Tom Udall's rubber stamp support, has encouraged greater government dependency, which has directly led to more income inequality.



We are witnessing with much apprehension a very tumultuous world. Some put the blame on President Barack Obama, saying he has lost the grip of world leadership of the United States. Some others believe that the current world disorder is inevitable after the ending of the Cold War in 1991 without any clear direction of the way forward to build a new World order. What can the United States actually do in view of the challenges from Russia, China, and extremist Islamic movements?

The current world disorder is not inevitable. We need to restore American leadership in the world. Dictators and rogue nations must be challenged with strength and resolve – not press conferences announcing what we won't do to defend America and our strategic interests.

Please share your thoughts on the current development in Hong Kong?

The pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong is growing daily, which again shows that communism is counter to the natural and God-given rights of people to individual liberty and self-determination. Strong leadership and cooperation among our Asian allies are necessary for stability in the region.

One concerning issue to Vietnamese in Vietnam and overseas is probably the Chinese invasion, recently through its deployment of an oil rig near disputed Parcel Islands. What should the Vietnamese do to deter China?

As a U.S. Senate candidate, I am not in a position to recommend defense policy for Vietnam. I can say, however, that the South China Sea is of strategic importance to the United States. The United States should exert its influence in the region to ensure stability which will be in the mutual best interests of both the United States and Vietnam.