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## **ALLARD ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF 127 AIR FORCE PROMOTIONS**

### **CRAIG APPLAUDED FOR LIFTING HOLD ON JUNIOR OFFICERS**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced today that the hold placed on Air Force nominations for promotions has been lifted for the rank of Captain moving up to Major. The U.S. Senate confirmed each of these promotions before the close of business on Thursday, June 12, 2003. Senator Allard is optimistic that additional junior officer promotions will soon be released.

This hold was originally placed to resolve a dispute between Senator Craig (R-ID) and the Air Force regarding the placement of military aircraft. Senator Craig's decision to release these nominations was influenced by a recent discussion with Senator Allard, who voiced concern about the possibility that the hold may negatively impact the morale of these junior officers.

"I commend Senator Craig for compromising on this issue," said Allard. "He has shown a willingness to work with the Air Force in reaching a resolution," added Allard.

Majors in the Air Force are in many cases responsible for piloting our countries most sophisticated air craft, operating our militaries most advanced satellites and oversee many of the complex acquisition programs in the Department of Defense.

"These officers, along with Captains form the backbone of the Air Force's officer corps and also represent the future leadership of our Air Force. We should do everything we can to retain these invaluable officers," concluded Allard.

Senator Allard will continue to work with Senator Craig regarding the pending nomination of Maj. General John W. Rosa, who is scheduled to assume the duties as the Air Force Academy Superintendent.

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