

Senator Devlin Robinson U.S. Marine Corps Biography

Sen. Devlin Robinson was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate in November 2020 and re-elected in November 2024 to serve residents of the 37th Senatorial District, which includes parts of Allegheny County.

Robinson was raised in Brookline, a neighborhood in the south end of Pittsburgh, and attended Central Catholic High School. After graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps – continuing a family tradition of military service dating back four generations.

Following the 9/11 attacks, Robinson requested assignment to the infantry, ensuring him a spot on the front lines. He served one combat tour in Afghanistan and two in Iraq.

As an Infantry Rifleman in 2nd Battalion 8th Marine Regiment, Robinson was SAW Gunner as a member of Task Force Tarawa during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. The regiment performed combat missions in Diwaniyah, Shomali, Kut, Baghdad, and Nasiriyah. In Nasiriyah (“Ambush Alley”) his unit fought door-to-door, conducting searches in the days leading up to the subsequent rescue of Army POW Jessica Lynch.

During service in Operation Enduring Freedom, Robinson participated in missions in Assadabad, Nangalam, and Bagram. He trained Afghan soldiers in infantry tactics and marksmanship skills, oversaw joint operations of missions and patrols with newly-graduated Afghan soldiers, participated in meetings with Afghan tribal and government leaders to negotiate peaceful relations in the Kunar Province before the historic Afghan election of 2004. Robinson trained U.S. Marines deployed to Iraq in urban combat operations, and in counter-insurgency and counter-sniper measures. He was involved in the effort to secure Fallujah in 2005 as a member of 1st Battalion 6th Marine Regiment. He completed joint mission operations with Iraqi police and army soldiers to achieve the shared objective of a peaceful Iraq.

Upon his honorable discharge, Robinson returned home to Pittsburgh and founded his own company, Veterans Medical Technology, and earned a business degree from Robert Morris University and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh’s Katz School of Business.

Robinson serves as the chair of the Labor and Industry Committee, vice chair of the Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Banking and Insurance Committee; Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee; Institutional Sustainability and Innovation Committee; Law and Justice Committee; and Appropriations Committee.

Robinson’s commitment to his fellow veterans never wavers as he serves on numerous veterans’ service organizations, as well as many other charitable organizations in and around southwestern Pennsylvania.