

FRESHMAN PROFILE: Rep. Drew MacEwen

Drew is the first Republican to hold a seat in the 35th Legislative District for many years. Although the district is mostly rural (it includes Mason County, as well as parts of Thurston and Kitsap counties), it has leaned heavily democratic. However, due to Drew's outgoing nature and community involvement, he won his seat with almost 52 percent of the vote in 2012.

While not a native of the Northwest, Drew is a Washingtonian at heart which is evidenced by the Seahawks décor that lines his office. He grew up in Wisconsin and, at a young age, entered the Navy, which took him around the world. It was with the Navy that he first came to Washington state in 1994 and returned here in 2005 to raise his sons.

Drew not only holds a Bachelor of Science degree, he is also a graduate of the U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program. He served six years in the U.S. Navy submarine force and completed five strategic deterrent patrols on the USS Nevada and USS Florida. After leaving the military, Drew entered the investment business and in 2001 he founded Falcon Financial, Inc.

Drew is well known in his district. He was the 2012 board president of the Shelton/Mason County Chamber of Commerce, and continues to serve on the boards of the Shelton Rotary and Alderbrook Golf Course. He is also a partial owner in the local restaurant Smoking Mo's.

Two years ago, Drew met and married Danelle Larson. Now they reside together in Union and throw what has become a legendary Saint Patrick's Day party. His two teenage sons, Christian and Robert, also live with the couple in Union and attend local public schools.