

The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski

U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (1985–2011)

Path to Becoming a Page

Representative Kanjorski explains how and why he became a Page.

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Two of my favorite politicians at the time was Daniel Webster, who was a great Senator from Massachusetts, in the older days, and then Arthur Vandenberg, who had just completed his Senatorial career and was one of the charter writers of the United Nations Charter. Both of these individuals served as Pages, and I read their lives and that's where I learned about what it was like to be a Page. And using the matter of deduction, I came to the conclusion that if you were interested in politics and you wanted to get an early start, the best thing to do is get involved in, in being a Page. And then fortuitously, in the Eisenhower landslide, the brother of my godfather, who was a good, of course, good friend of the family, a fellow attorney with my dad, his, his brother won for Congress, so I prevailed upon him to intercede for me, to see if he could assist me in getting an appointment to the Page School, and he did. So I came down to Washington on Inauguration Day, the Eisenhower Inauguration Day, in 1953.