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**Danielle Lupton**

to me 

Hi Tom,

My data indicates that the only former member of Congress who served in a solely enlisted capacity longer than Van Orden served in the military in any capacity is John Tower. There are many members of Congress who served more than 26 years in the military.

I disagree that when people say "Congress" they only mean the House. For me (and my colleagues) Congress means both chambers. One needs to specify whether they are referring to one chamber or the other.

I suppose the most technical way to refer to Van Orden would be to say that he holds the record for longest time served in the military in an active duty enlisted capacity.

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