



## MJ Hegar

Raised in Texas, Mary Jennings “MJ” Hegar was commissioned into the Air Force through ROTC at the University of Texas in 1999, then served on active duty as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer until 2004 when she entered into pilot training with the Air National Guard. She served three tours in Afghanistan flying Combat Search and Rescue as well as Medevac missions.

On her third tour to Afghanistan in 2009, Hegar was shot down on a Medevac mission and sustained wounds resulting in being awarded the Purple Heart. Her actions on this mission saved the lives of her crew and patients, earning her the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device. She is one of only a few women in history to receive the DFC with Valor.

In 2012, Hegar filed a lawsuit against the Secretary of Defense asserting that the Combat Exclusion Policy banning women from competing for certain positions in the military was unconstitutional. Hegar’s lawsuit and fight for equality was instrumental in the 2013 repeal of the policy. She has detailed her experiences in her best-selling memoir “Shoot Like A Girl,” which was published in 2017.

MJ Hegar lives in Round Rock with her husband and two young sons. She has an Executive MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. MJ has given back to her community by mentoring cadets at UT, volunteering with Safe Place, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Advocacy Project.

Learn more about MJ Hegar and her Senate campaign at [www.mjfortexas.com](http://www.mjfortexas.com).

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**Meet MJ Hegar**

**Tuesday, August 6,  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Flower Child Restaurant**

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5959 Royal Lane, Unit #542, Dallas, TX 75230**

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