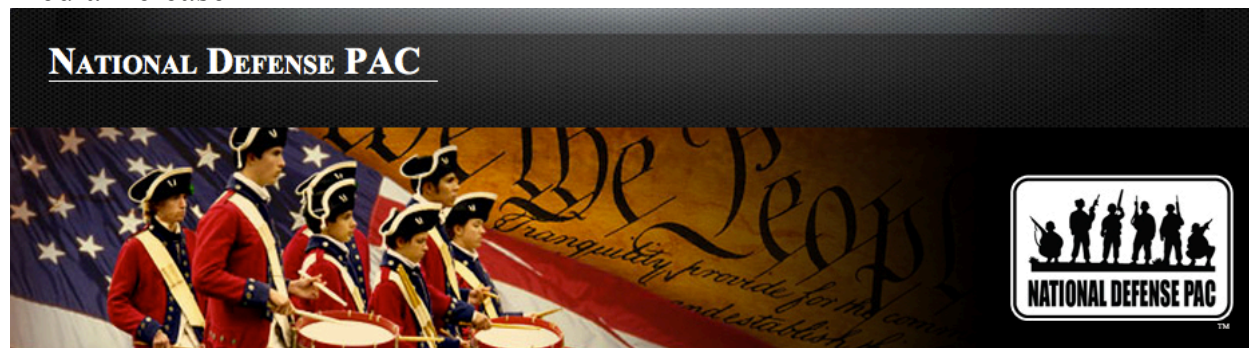


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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC** today announces with pride its endorsement of **Blaine Richardson, US Navy (ret)** to represent Maine's 2nd Congressional District. **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret)** stated, "Blaine Richardson will bring military expertise to the US Congress. Because of his participation in four conflicts that our country faced during his career, he understands the difference between the wants of the military and the needs of the military. It is absolutely imperative that the citizens of the Pine Tree State elect this man who is a proven leader. Richardson's knowledge of the Armed Services will be an invaluable asset to the US Congress. His background in world affairs puts him head and shoulders above the others candidates who wish to fill this seat."

Enlisting in the US Navy during the Viet Nam War, Blaine went on to be selected for Naval Flight School and served for 30 years in the Navy in both active and reserve duty. He retired with the rank of Captain. He served in three additional conflicts including Haiti, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His leadership and organizational skills were honed when during Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as the Military Liaison Officer for the Military Sealift Command. He was responsible for 216 ships moving over 20 Million tons of cargo to Kuwait and Iraq.

Additionally, Blaine served as the US Naval Liaison Officer to the State of Maine during the terms of Governor McKernan and Governor King.

His medals and awards include: National Defense Service Medal(2); Navy Unit Commendation; Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2); Southwest Asia Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Service Medal with Silver Hourglass; Navy and Marines Overseas Ribbon; Joint Service Commendation Medal (2); Meritorious Service Medal; and Navy Commendation Medal (2); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; and Expert Pistol Shot Medal.

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