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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with pride its endorsement of Commander Charlie Summers, US Navy Reserve for election to the United States Senate from the great State of Maine.. NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret) stated, ""I have had the good fortune to get to know Charlie Summers, personally. I have observed a fellow who is energetic, smart and of strong character. It is of no surprise that he is seeking the seat held by his former boss, Senator Olympia Snowe. Charlie's familiarity with the military's most senior leadership through first- hand knowledge, contacts and experience is going to be of significant importance to the military while he serves in the Senate. Additionally important to the voters of Maine, however, is that Commander Summers' understanding will be invaluable to the Pine Tree State and its ship building industry and other military related commerce."

Charlie is a Commander in the United States Navy Reserve currently assigned to the Public Affairs staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey. From October 2009 to October 2010 he served on active duty on the staff of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen. During this time period he completed a temporary assignment as a member of Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command–Afghanistan (CFSOCC-A). In July 2007, he was recalled to active duty and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was also activated after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks serving on the staff of former Secretary of the Navy Gordon England. A Public Affairs Officer, Charlie has served in the Navy Reserve since 1996.
His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, United States Army Combat Action Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), The Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and various other service awards.

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