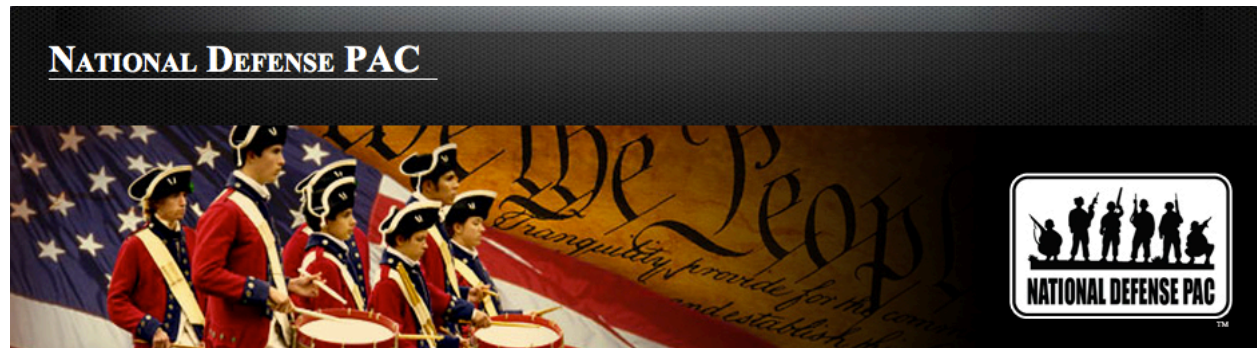


## Media Release



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WASHINGTON, D.C-- **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC** today announces with pride its endorsement of **Kerry Bentivolio** for election to the United States Congress, representing Michigan's 11<sup>th</sup> District. Kerry served a total of 27 years in the United States Army and Michigan Army National Guard, retiring as Sergeant First Class. **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret)** stated, "Kerry is a budget hawk which is of the utmost importance considering our nation's budget deficit. However, his 27 years serving out country has given him a keen eye for the needs of this country when it comes to her national defense. His candidacy brings that perfect blend needed in Congress; he has pledged to bring our nation's fiscal house in order and he has the familiarity with the military to sort out the important and the necessary from the nice-to-have."

Mr. Bentivolio is a veteran of two foreign wars Vietnam and Iraqi freedom. In Vietnam, he served as an infantry rifleman and earned a combat infantryman badge. In Iraqi Freedom, he served in an administrative capacity in an artillery unit until he was medically evacuated from Iraq with a fractured vertebra.

His awards and medals include Excellence in Pistol Badge, meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendations Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Army Achievement Medal (4<sup>th</sup> Award), Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Global War, Overseas Training Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and 20 years Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 1960, Combat Infantryman Badge.

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