



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT**

#### ***Endorsement of Mr. John M. Blust, Esq., Candidate for the United States House of Representatives (NC-13)***



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with pride its endorsement of Mr. John M. Blust to represent North Carolina's new 13th District in the United States Congress. Mr. Blust is an Army veteran, having joined immediately out of high school. While attending the University of North Carolina, he attended Army ROTC at North Carolina State University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation.

After graduating with an Accounting degree, he went to the University of North Carolina Law School, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) and passing the Bar in 1982. He has also passed the CPA exam. He then went back on to active duty in the Army and volunteered for hazardous duty as an Artillery Officer on the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating North and South Korea. A portion of his responsibilities included the potential employment of tactical nuclear weapons in one of the most dangerous areas of the world. Colonel John Dooley, USA, Mr. Blust's Commander at

Field Artillery School before he deployed to Korea, said this of him, "Outstanding performance of duty by a first-rate officer. In a cadre of 40 officers I directly supervise, John Blust was my point man on tough projects....Ready for command. Keep in the command track. Promote to Major as soon as possible...Displays sound judgment and continuously seeks self-improvement. Truly outstanding. Exhibits all of the characteristics of professional ethics to the highest degree." Mr. Blust is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School and served in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Mr. Blust's personal military awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal and two (2) Army Commendation Awards.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (Ret.) stated, "This is the kind of man that we must elect to the US Congress, truly a warrior and patriot who has seen the world of national defense from both the officer and enlisted points of view. He has deployed to North East Asia; he has looked the enemy in the eye; and, he has literally had his hand on the nuclear trigger. He took his intellect, diligence and discipline and accomplished two outstanding professional degrees and then he has applied all of that broad and unique experience and knowledge to the service of the citizens of North Carolina. Having served as both a State Senator and for the last fifteen years as a State Representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives, he has truly dedicated his life to the service of his Nation and his State. When there is such a dearth of that kind of practical real world experience in defense issues and national security in the U.S. Congress, it is incumbent upon the citizens of the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to elect John Blust to the United States House of Representatives!"

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the United States Congress," said Blust. "I am passionate about representing our active duty military, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their families and look forward to doing so during my continued service in the Congress. I am most especially concerned about our homeland security and maintaining the United States as the sovereign exceptional Nation that it is. To quote an old saying from World War II, 'This is America - For this, we fight!'" As the Executive Director of the National

Defense Political Action Committee, Captain Walt Steiner, USN (Ret.) observed, “John Blust is a patriot dedicated to the service of his Nation. His approach to national security is both serious and responsible. He is well aligned with our NDPAC charter and our American values, and he has constantly demonstrated tremendous loyalty and unwavering commitment to the United States, the State of North Carolina and the greater Piedmont region. He has worked in the private sector and he knows that that is where the economic strength of our country resides. It is not in government. Paul’s knowledge, experience and personal integrity are beyond reproach. His leadership is constantly demonstrated by example, and his volunteer service to the United States in uniform distinguishes him from the field of legacy and career politicians!” For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses The Honorable John Blust, Esq., for election to the United States Congress from the 13<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of North Carolina. For further information from John’s campaign, go to: <http://www.voteforblust.com/>

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

NDPAC’s mission is to support the national interests of the United States by maintaining a strong American national security establishment as a matter of public policy through a non-partisan open political action committee. To achieve that goal, NDPAC supports military veterans pursuing election or re-election to legislative state-wide and national political office. Candidates are vetted, in writing, on their clear intentions to actively support a strong national security prior to receiving NDPAC endorsement. NDPAC has been active for more than twenty years and has a strong record of supporting winning candidates for elected office. Contributions are welcome from all. For further details regarding National Defense PAC, see our website at: [www.NationalDefensePAC.org](http://www.NationalDefensePAC.org)