



**PRESS RELEASE**

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

***Endorsement of Mr. Mike Dovilla, Candidate for the Ohio Senate***



The National Defense Political Action Committee, unequivocally and without reservation, endorses Mr. Mike Dovilla to represent the 24th Ohio Senate District, which is comprised of 28 suburban communities in Cuyahoga County in the greater Cleveland area. Mr. Dovilla is a patriot dedicated to the service of his Nation and State.

National Defense PAC National Chairman, Rear Admiral (Ret.) Jim Carey, stated, “Mike Dovilla is exactly the caliber of military veteran that NDPAC seeks to support for elected office. He knows America’s national defense, intelligence and homeland security needs and he will work hard to make sure that those needs are addressed in the Ohio Senate on behalf of the citizens of Cuyahoga County and especially for all of our men and women in uniform. He understands the premise of peace through power!”

A lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, Mr. Dovilla is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom with more than 13 years of commissioned service. A qualified Information Dominance Warfare Officer, his military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards. Mr. Dovilla is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, where his colleagues elected him Majority Whip for the 131st General Assembly.

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the Ohio Senate,” said Dovilla. “Veterans advocacy has been a major focus of my efforts during the past five years in the Ohio House of Representatives. I am pleased to have authored laws expanding opportunities for higher education and post-military employment, protecting service members and their families from identity theft, and improving the voting process for deployed military personnel. As an Iraq war veteran and an actively drilling Navy Reserve officer, I am passionate about representing Ohio’s Guard and Reserve members and their families and look forward to doing so during my continued service in the Legislature.”

As the Executive Director of the National Defense Political Action Committee, Captain Walt Steiner, U.S. Navy (Retired) observed, “I have known Mike for over two decades. His position and posture on 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 dedication to the United States, the State of Ohio and the local greater Cleveland region. Mike’s knowledge, experience and personal integrity are beyond reproach. His leadership is constantly demonstrated by example and his long service to the Nation distinguishes him from the field of legacy and career politicians!”

**For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses Mr. Mike Dovilla for election to the Ohio Senate from the 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District.**

For further information from the Mike’s campaign, go to: [www.dovillaforohio.com](http://www.dovillaforohio.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)

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