



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

#### ***Endorsement of Don Bacon, Candidate for the United States Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> District (NE)***



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with great pride its endorsement of Don Bacon to represent the State of Nebraska's 2<sup>nd</sup> District, in the United States Congress. With a desire to serve his county, Don joined the Air Force in 1985 and served for 29.5 years, retiring as a Brigadier General. He served with distinction in the intelligence, electronic warfare, reconnaissance, and public affairs career fields and had 16 assignments all over the world.

Don Bacon's service to the nation has been punctuated by nearly thirty years of strong leadership and proven accomplishments. He commanded twice at the wing level, to include at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. He also commanded one group, one squadron, and one expeditionary squadron. As the Deputy Commander for America's Third Air Force, Don Bacon was responsible for helping Israel establish their ballistic missile defense system, with the focus being on intercepting missiles fired from Iran. He also deployed four times during his career to

the Middle East. Notably, in November of 2002 he deployed as a Squadron Commander to Doha, Qatar in support of the invasion of Iraq. His Combat Squadron flew into Iraq to target and mask Iraqi communications and radar systems over a six month period. In May of 2007, Don deployed to Baghdad, Iraq for a year as Chief of Special Operations and Intelligence where he conducted information operations against al Qaida in Iraq and against Iranian trained Shi'a militants.

He won multiple awards during his time in the Air Force including the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, and two Bronze Stars, five Meritorious Service Medals, and an Aerial Achievement Medal. He was selected as Europe's top Air Force Wing Commander (along with his wife Angie as commander's spouse) in 2009. He was a distinguished graduate in his Air and Command Staff College, Navigator School, and Intelligence School.

"I am honored to receive the support of the National Defense Political Action Committee," said Brigadier General Bacon. "When I am elected, I will focus on a return to limited government, a fiscally responsible balanced budget, and a tax code that the average person can understand. I will also fight to rein in the excessive regulations that hamper our communities and businesses. Our government must be a friend of small business and free enterprise. We must commit to ourselves the goal that a person should be able to find a job or create a job without our own government getting in the way. I will work to make that a reality.

We also must protect our Constitution, all of our Bill of Rights, and the freedoms guaranteed within so that we can continue to pass down an even brighter future to the next generation. I will also fight for a stronger national defense that includes eliminating the threat of ISIS. We must maintain peace through strength. No one ever attacked a nation because they were too strong, but weakness is an invitation to danger. Finally, our government has an obligation to make sure that our military has the right equipment and training so that we can bring all of our young men and women home."

The National Defense PAC Executive Director Captain Robert Bernardon, U.S. Navy (retired) observed, “Brigadier General Bacon is a strong leader of integrity and is exactly the kind of person we need serving in the Congress. We live in serious times which require that we elect serious leaders with backbone. With three decades of decorated service, Don Bacon’s knowledge and experience will make him a key leader at this point in which American stands at a critical juncture. Whether it is facing the ongoing threat of ISIS, or tackling the looming debt crisis that is imperiling future generations, Don Bacon has what it takes to help put us back on the right track. If elected, he will be the one of the more senior retired officers to serve in the House of Representatives, and there will be no better advocate for our men and women serving in uniform.”

For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses retired Brigadier General Don Bacon for election to the United States Congress from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Nebraska. For further information regarding General Bacon’s campaign, go to [www.donbacon2016.com](http://www.donbacon2016.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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