

NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC



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NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT

Endorsement of Brigadier General Mark Bircher, United States Marine Corps Reserve (Retired), Candidate for the United States House of Representatives (FL-13)



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with pride its endorsement of General Mark Bircher to represent Florida's 13th Congressional District in the United States Congress. His is a life distinguished by leadership, performance, excellence and intellect. General Bircher is a combat Marine Corps veteran, and a Marine Aviator. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1976 as a Second Lieutenant, he went on to Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida earning his Marine Wings of Gold in 1978. He then went on to a distinguished career

on active duty that included Marine Corps operational squadrons, the Blue Angels, an exchange pilot tour with the U.S Air Force, and TOP GUN fighter pilot school. He subsequently joined the Selected Marine Corps

Reserve and simultaneously embarked on a career as a Commercial Airline Pilot. In parallel with his civilian and military Reserve career, he attended Stetson University College of Law, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) and passing the Florida Bar in 2008. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School, earning Army Jump (Parachute) Wings. Further, he trained on U.S. Navy submarines and qualified as Diving Officer of the Watch. General Bircher's personal military awards include: Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, as well as Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Service and Commendation Medals.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, U. S. Navy (Ret.) stated, "General Bircher is exactly the kind of man that we must elect to the US Congress, truly an intellectual warrior and avid patriot who has seen the world of national defense from the strategic, operational and tactical points of view, and where he has been responsible and accountable for accomplishing a mission while putting U.S military men and women in harm's way. He deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan where he has functioned leading Marines in integrated and allied operations. He routinely pilots commercial airliners with responsibility for hundreds of lives on each flight and where each aircraft is worth more than the individual worth of 90% of American businesses. In everything that he has pursued, he has applied his intellect, diligence and discipline and accomplished outstanding results. He offers all of that broad and unique experience and knowledge to the citizens of Pinellas County and the State of Florida. 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 intellectual probity and practical real world experience in defense issues and national security in the U.S. Congress, it is incumbent upon the citizens of the 13th Congressional District to elect Mark Bircher 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 General Bircher. "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 service in the Congress. I am most especially concerned about our national and homeland security, protecting our citizens and maintaining the

United States as the sovereign exceptional Nation that it is.” As the Executive Director of the National Defense Political Action Committee, Captain Walt Steiner, U. S. Navy (Ret.) observed, “General Mark Bircher is the epitome of 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 our Nation in uniform. As a practicing civilian attorney, he provides significant pro bono counsel and advice to military members and veterans. He has worked in the private sector and he knows that smaller government and fiscal responsibility is where the economic strength of our country resides. The General’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 and in civilian life distinguishes him from the broad field of legacy and career politicians! I might remind the citizenry that in a time of a volunteer military force, while they and many career politicians have enjoyed the fruits of our liberty but not borne the burdens of battle, men and women like General Bircher have literally put their lives in the forefront of protecting that liberty. Even after General Bircher left active duty, he volunteered once again to protect our way of life by serving in the Reserve Forces and was, in fact, recalled twice to active military service in Iraq after 9/11. In doing so, he perfectly exemplified the precept that Winston Churchill made famous when he referred to reservists and guardsmen serving as “Twice a Citizen!” Mr. Churchill was recognizing their voluntary contributions and personal sacrifice as productive civilian members of society AND concurrently members of the warrior elite necessary to protect the national interest.” For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses Brigadier General Mark Bircher, USMCR (Ret.), for election to the United States Congress from the 13st Congressional District of Florida. For further information from the General’s campaign, go to: <https://markbircher.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

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