



PRESS RELEASE

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NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT

***Endorsement of Brian J. Mast, Candidate for the United States
Congress, 18th District of Florida***



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with extreme pride its endorsement of SSgt Brian J. Mast USA (Ret.) (EOD) for United States Congress to represent Florida's 18th Congressional District. Brian is himself the son of a veteran and has served in the military for 12 years, until he was medically retired as a Wounded Warrior double amputee.

RADM James Carey USN (ret), Chairman of NDPAC, said, "Brian's august academic and military credentials will make him a great congressman. As an EOD in Afghanistan, Brian proved his courage and willingness to sacrifice everything in the line of duty. Brian is a small-government, fiscally conservative veteran committed to cutting corruption out of Congress and reducing taxes. His vision for the future of our country, particularly on national defense and fiscal policy, is one National Defense PAC believes in. I trust him to do everything in his power to rebuild the US military, reform the VA, secure the border, and protect individual liberties, especially those enshrined in the 2nd Amendment."

Mr. Mast recently stated “I am honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the United States Congress. National security will be a top priority for me as a member of Congress. I have seen the enemy face to face, and know that the war we are in is not only a war of military force, it is also a war of ideology. ISIS seeks to destroy western civilization, and our very way of life. We need a new national security strategy and a defense budget that allows us to implement it. We need leaders in Washington who understand how to protect our interests and those of our allies, as well as America’s unique leadership role in the world. The world is safest when America is the strongest. Congress has an important role to play in terms of national defense. Congress’s oversight function is a critical part of the job that is lost on too many people.”

Brian served in Afghanistan until September 19, 2010, when he was hit by an IED, losing both his legs and one finger. For his service in the US Army including service in combat, Brian was awarded medals for valor and merit including the Bronze Star Medal (with the “V” device for Valor), the Purple Heart Medal, the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with the “V” device for Valor), the Army Achievement Medal (an Oak Leaf for a second award) the Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Action Badge, the Senior EOD Badge, the Basic EOD Badge, the Parachute Badge, and the Ranger Scroll.

Brian has since worked with the ATF, the National Nuclear Safety Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In January 2015, Brian volunteered for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in their war against the same terror threats facing US civilians at home and abroad. Brian is a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the NRA, and the Council of Foreign Relations. He has been endorsed by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IW), Cong Ryan Zinke (SEAL) (R-MT), Cong Steve Russell (Ranger) (R-OK), Cong Pete Sessions (R-TX), Citizens United PAC, and the Combat Veterans For Congress PAC.

Brian graduated Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics with minors in Environmental Studies and Government. Brian and his wife of 10 years Brianna are members of the Christ Fellowship Church of Stuart and the proud parents of three: Magnum age 6, Maverick age 4, and Madelyn age 1.

For all of these reasons, the National Defense PAC enthusiastically endorses retired Staff Sergeant Brian Mast for election to the United States Congress from the 18th District of Florida. For further information regarding his campaign, go to www.mastforcongress.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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