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NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT

Endorsement of Endorsement of Colonel Shirlene DelaCruz Santiago Ostrov Candidate for the United States House of Representatives (HI-1)



NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with great pride its endorsement of Colonel Shirlene DelaCruz Santiago Ostrov to represent Hawaii's First Congressional District in the United States Congress. Her's is a life distinguished by service, sacrifice, and leadership. Born and raised in Mililani, Hawaii, Colonel Ostrov received her commission as an ROTC Distinguished Graduate from the University of Florida and served for 23 years on active duty before retiring in September 2014. As a seasoned Logistics Readiness Officer, she held command and staff positions at squadron, group, wing, USAF major command, and Department of Defense levels.

In her most recent assignments, Colonel Ostrov served twice as the Commander of an Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and also as the Commander of an Air Mobility Squadron at the largest enroute unit in the Pacific. Colonel Ostrov also commanded the 376th Expeditionary Mission

Support Group, who provided air combat power projection throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility, and also served as a hub for strategic airlift operations and as an intermediate staging base for transiting personnel and equipment in support of operations in Afghanistan. Colonel Ostrov also had the unique opportunity to serve the US State Department in support of the US Special Envoy to Sudan and also served as the Legislative and Interagency Liaison for USTRANSCOM in Washington DC. Before retiring, she served as the Chief of the Global Combat Support Division at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces. Colonel Ostrov is a highly accomplished and decorated Air Force officer, and has been honored with the Air Force Meritorious Medal (7 OLC), the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Legion of Merit.

Since retirement from active duty, Shirlene immediately assumed her leadership role as President and CEO of Ares Mobility Solutions, Inc. Shirlene is also a co-founder of a non-profit 501(c)3 Hawaiian Cultural School in the National Capitol Region, where she serves as the Chairman of the Board. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Women's Mentoring Network, a nationwide organization dedicated to women reaching their full potential. Shirlene and her husband Mark, also a retired Air Force officer, have been happily married for 26 years and have 15-year-old twins, Jessica and Julia. Shirlene and her family make their home in Mililani, Hawaii.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, U. S. Navy (Ret.) stated, "Colonel Ostrov is exactly the kind of woman that we must elect to the US Congress, truly a proven leader, warrior, and avid patriot who has seen the world of national defense from the strategic, operational and tactical points of view, and where she has been responsible and accountable for accomplishing a mission while putting U.S military men and women in harm's way. Her experience in the private sector and leading non-profit organizations and involvement in civic organizations shows that everything that she has pursued, she accomplished outstanding results. She offers all of that broad and unique experience and knowledge to the citizens of Honolulu Congressional District One the State of Hawaii."

“I am both humbled and honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the United States Congress,” said Colonel Ostrov. “I am passionate about representing our active duty military, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their families and look forward continuing my service in the Congress. I am most especially concerned about strengthening our national and homeland security, reining in wasteful federal spending, and ensuring the people of Hawaii have their voices heard in the majority party in Washington DC.”

For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses Colonel Shirlene Delacruz Santiago Ostrov (USAF, ret), for election to the United States Congress from the 1st Congressional District of Hawaii. For further information from the Colonel’s campaign, go to: <https://shirleneostrov.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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