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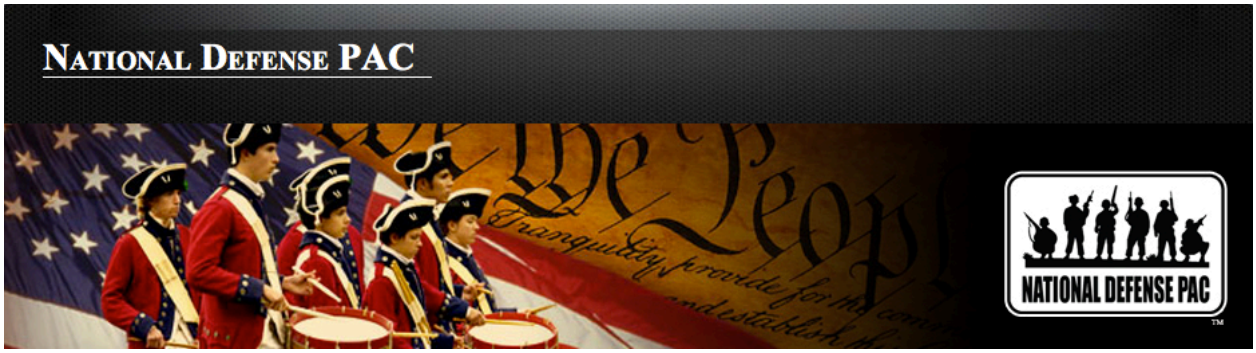

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For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with pride its endorsement of **Steven Russell for Congress from the 5th District, Oklahoma** . NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC, Chairman, Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret), stated, "LTC Steven Russell's ability was recognized early on when he received a four year ROTC scholarship. However, those who made that decision probably did not envision that this lad would one day be involved in capturing one of the worst enemies of peace, Saddam Hussein. At the time of the capture, LTC Russell was in command of 1st Battalion which was a central player in this broadly covered historical event. Oklahoma has an opportunity to send a genuine hero to represent them in Congress. However, he is not only a patriot who has gone in harm's way, Steve is an independent, conservative thinking man. He combines brains and brawn in the best American tradition."

After an active, successful career as an Army officer, which included earning his Airborne wings and then earning the coveted Ranger Tab at US Army Ranger School, he retired with 21 years of service to our country. At this point, he penned the book "We Got Him" *A Memoir of the Hunt and Capture of Saddam Hussein*. The forward is written by General Ray Odierno, Chief of Staff of the US Army. Steve Russell has the character and courage to make a strong leader in the US Congress. His background has, thoroughly, prepared him for this task.

LTC Russell has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with combat 'V" and Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf, the Joint Services Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaves; the Army Achievement Medal, 3 Oak Leaves; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Valorous Unit Award; the Army Superior Unit Award; the NATO Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; Ranger Ta, Parachutist Badge; The Korean Parachutist Badge; and numerous service and campaign medals.

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