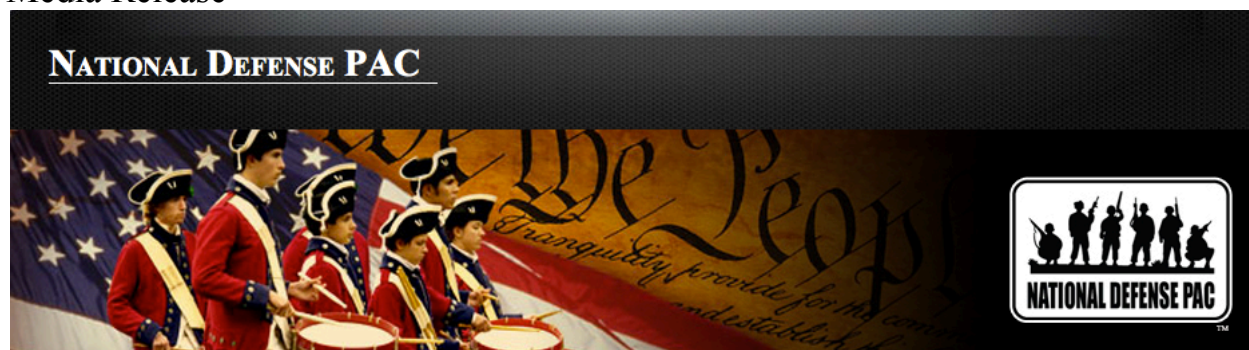


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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC** today announces with pride its endorsement of **Congressman Allen West, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (ret)**, for re-election to the United States Congress representing the 18th District of Florida. **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret)** stated, "Congressman West epitomizes the leadership that is found in a seasoned veteran as he has served our country with the heart of lion. His experience on the field has made him combat-ready to overcome the immense problems facing our nation. On July 25, 2012, he spoke in the congressional chamber to his colleagues regarding the dire straits facing our military. He warned that the looming Sequestration promises the smallest Navy since 1915 and the smallest number of ground forces since 1940. There is no doubt that we must have a person with Allen West's broad vision and military experience in Congress. It is absolutely imperative that we re-elect Allen West."

During his career in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel West served in several combat zones: in Operation Desert Storm, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was a Battalion Commander in the Army's 4th Infantry Division, and later in Afghanistan. He received many honors including a Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals (one with Valor), and a Valorous Unit Award. He received his valor award as a Captain in Desert Shield/Storm. He was the US Army ROTC Instructor of the Year in 1993, and was a Distinguished Honor Graduate III Corps Air Assault School.

"If it's about the lives of my soldiers at stake, I'd go through hell with a gasoline can. "
Lieutenant Colonel Allen West

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