



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL DEFENSE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (NDPAC) ENDORSEMENT**

#### ***Endorsement of Jack Bergman, Candidate for the United States Congress, 1st District (MI)***



The NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC today announces with great pride its endorsement of Lt. General Jack Bergman (Ret.) to represent Michigan's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. A three-star general, Jack Bergman has spent his life honoring the oath he took to defend the Constitution. Bergman was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1969 under the Platoon Leader School program after his college graduation. He flew CH-46 helicopters with HMM-261 at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, North Carolina and with HMM-164 in Okinawa, Japan and the Republic of Vietnam.

Assigned as a flight instructor, he flew the T-28 with VT-6, NAS Whiting Field, Florida. He left active duty in 1975 and flew UH-1 helicopters with the Rhode Island National Guard, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Following a 1978 civilian employment transfer to Chicago, Illinois, he served in several 4th Marine Aircraft Wing units at NAS Glenview, Illinois. (HML-776, flying

the UH-1; VMGR-234, flying the KC-130; and Mobilization Training Unit IL-1).

He was selected to stand up the second KC-130 squadron in 4th MAW and, in 1988, became the first Commanding Officer, VMGR-452, Stewart ANGB, Newburgh, New York. From 1992 to 1994 he commanded Mobilization Station, Chicago — the largest of the 47 Marine Corps Mobilization Stations.

During 1995, he served as a Special Staff Officer at Marine Corps Reserve Support Command, Overland Park, Kansas. In 1996, he became Chief of Staff/Deputy Commander, I Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element, Camp Pendleton, California. In late 1997, he transferred to 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters, New Orleans, Louisiana to serve as Assistant Chief of Staff/G-1. Promoted to Brigadier General, he became Deputy Commander, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing.

Transferred in June 1998 to Headquarters, Marine Forces Europe, Stuttgart, Germany, he served as Deputy Commander. Recalled to active duty from April to July 1999, he was dual-hatted as EUCOM, Deputy J-3A. He then commanded II Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina until assuming command of 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, New Orleans, Louisiana in August 2000.

In September 2002, he assumed command of the 4th Force Service Support Group, New Orleans, Louisiana. He, also, served as Chairman of the Secretary of the Navy's Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board from 2001 to 2003. Returning to active duty in October 2003, he served as Director, Reserve Affairs, Quantico, Virginia. He began his final assignment, command of Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North, on June 10, 2005. He relinquished that command in October 2009, and retired from active duty in December of that year.

For his service to our nation Lt. General Bergman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Single Mission Air Medal with Combat 'V', Air Medal, and numerous unit awards.

The Bergman family has roots in Michigan's Upper Peninsula that stretch back to the late 1800s where his ancestors worked as iron miners. In 1994, Jack built a house in Watersmeet, Michigan, where he lives with his wife Cindy and has run a successful small business for decades.

National Defense PAC Chairman Rear Admiral James J. Carey, USN (ret) noted that "LtGen Bergman is a man of enormous capabilities and experience. Like the original patriots of the American Revolution, he is a true citizen soldier, who served his country while also running a successful private business. In his 40 year military career, he has served in a wide variety of positions from aviator to Force Commander. This immense range of experience has given him unique insights into his fellow citizens and his government. He knows how things work, and more importantly, what doesn't work. Jack is a no nonsense guy who will shake things up and push hard for sorely needed action. He is exquisitely qualified to continue his leadership roles as a United States Congressman."

General Bergman recently stated "I am honored to receive the endorsement of the National Defense PAC in my candidacy for the United States Congress. As a veteran who served for four decades in the Marine Corps, I am committed to ensuring that both current military families and our veterans have everything they need. I believe hard work and commitment to being the best made the United States the most exceptional nation in the world, and those are the principles that have guided my life. I'm running for Congress because I believe Americans know how to live their lives, and spend their money, better than Washington does. I plan to shake up the status quo in both Congress and the Republican Party by continuing to defend the United States from those who want to weaken it, both domestically and abroad."

For all of these reasons, the National Defense Political Action Committee enthusiastically endorses Lt. General Jack Bergman USMC (ret), for election to the United States Congress from the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Michigan. For further information about his campaign, go to:

<http://www.bergmanforcongress.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](http://www.NationalDefensePAC.org).

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