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VETERANS PRESS: "Charlie Brown is the Veterans candidate in the 4th Congressional District"

*Northern CA's largest Veterans Publication **Endorses** Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown for Congress*

Roseville: Veterans Press, Northern California's largest veterans publication with a weekly readership of more than 60,000, has endorsed Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown for Congress in California's 4th District.

Nearly 100,000 veterans reside in the 4th Congressional District.

Calling it's decision to endorse Brown a "no brainer" Veterans Press cited Brown's "clear understanding of the needs of veterans," and tireless work to promote the new GI Bill, full VA Funding, and expanded readjustment services to aid at-risk veterans as well as those returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan as hallmarks of "a true veterans advocate" in their October 17th Editorial.

Brown, who served 26 years in the Air Force, is the son of a decorated WW II veteran. His wife Jan also served in the Air Force, and their son is on active duty, preparing for his fifth rotation in Iraq.

"I'm profoundly honored and humbled to have the support of my fellow veterans in this campaign," Brown said. "Defending this nation and keeping faith with those who protect us every day is personal to me—in fact, it's the Brown family business."

Beyond the specific policy proposals he's offered to fix systemic problems in the nation's veterans aftercare system, Brown has taken an additional step—donating 5% of campaign funds to support community based veterans service providers across Northern California—more than \$50,000 to date. And he's challenged all other candidates in both parties to match that commitment.

"Our charity challenge isn't about shining a light on the problem or casting blame," Brown said. "Instead, it's about taking responsibility, taking action, and being part of the solution. It's not just a government problem—it's everyone's problem."

Veterans Press had endorsed former Congressman Doug Ose during the District 4 GOP Primary this past spring and had even endorsed Tom McClintock in previous runs for statewide office.

In their October 17th Editorial however, Veterans Press called McClintock's record on military and veterans issues "the worst in the California Legislature" and a "betrayal."

"He's (McClintock's) voted against legislation that would provide financial support for our troops fighting overseas and for the families and widows of those that died while defending the rights he claims to believe in and support... it is McClintock's complete and utter disregard for our veterans and active duty troops that has lead us to oppose his election to Congress in the primary and continue to do so now."--Veterans Press, October 17, 2008.

Veterans Press, joins Veterans Vision as the second large veterans publication to endorse Brown's campaign for Congress. The full Veterans Press Editorial is attached to this release.

A graduate of the US Air Force Academy, Retired Lt. Col. Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the Air Force, flying rescue helicopters, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. He is a candidate for Congress in California's 4th District.

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Charlie Brown is the veteran's candidate in the 4th Congressional District

In any normal election, the race for the 4th Congressional district would have been decided in the primary election. This solidly Republican district, traditionally, has been represented by the winner of the Republican primary, and were this a normal election year that would most likely be the case now. However, this is not a normal election year, and the race for the 4th Congressional District is as tight as it was in 2006, maybe tighter. The choice is between Southern California State Senator Tom McClintock and retired Lt. Colonel Charlie Brown USAF.

McClintock is a career politician who has moved from one political office to another. His latest move taking him from his current seat representing a Southern California district in the California State Senate, 465 miles north to the foothills of the Sierras. Brown served in the US Air Force for 26 years where he had a distinguished and highly decorated career retiring in 1998 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Despite the strong Republican leanings in this seat, and this paper's historical support for McClintock in his losing bids for statewide office, in this race the only choice for veterans, and the one that has the Veterans Press endorsement is Lt. Colonel Charlie Brown.

The reason is simple, betrayal; betrayal of veteran's rights, veteran's benefits, and betrayal of our troops fighting to defend this nation. McClintock, although claims he supports veterans and our military, has the worst record in the California legislature when it comes to these issues. McClintock has repeatedly voted against legislation that would help fund the Cal-Vet home loan program, and the building of new veterans homes. He's voted against legislation that would provide financial support for our troops fighting overseas and for the families and widows of those that died while defending the rights he claims to believe in and support.

McClintock has shamefully attacked Brown for attending an anti war rally supposedly in uniform. To hear the commercials one would think Brown was in his dress blues when in actuality he was simply wearing a desert camo jacket. However, it is McClintock's complete and utter disregard for our veterans and active duty troops that has led us to oppose his election to Congress in the primary and continue to do so now.

As a veteran himself, Brown supports mandatory VA funding, full funding of the pensions of disabled veterans, the elimination of the "widow's tax" on survivor benefits, and he has championed the cause of the new Webb-Warner GI Bill which passed in 2008. Brown has proposed "Leave No Veteran Behind" plan that includes comprehensive outreach to homeless and other at-risk veterans, expanded readjustment services for those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and expansion of the Vet Center and other PTSD counseling services.

Brown has a clear understanding of the needs of veterans and how Congress can help provide those needs. His 26-year career in the Air Force uniquely positions him to be a true veteran advocate in Congress. McClintock's record is one of skipping from one political office to another all the while turning his back on the men and women that fought for this country.

This is a no brainer, in the 4th Congressional District the veteran's choice is Lt. Colonel Charlie Brown.