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*California's Fourth District Wins "Serve with the General" Contest – Wes Clark to Work Side-by-Side with Local Democrats and Candidate Charlie Brown at a Democrats Work Community Service Event This Summer*

*Northern California district beats 42 other districts in national competition to engage Democrats in community service*

(SEATTLE) – Democrats Work and WesPAC announced today that California's Fourth District has won their "Serve with the General" competition – an innovative, national contest that will send General Wesley Clark to California to participate in a community service project organized by Democrats Work this summer. California's Fourth District, where Lt. Col. Charlie Brown (Ret.) is the Democratic nominee, edged out four other districts in the final round of voting.

Online voters narrowed the field from forty three districts – districts where Democratic challengers are fighting to change the direction of the country – to the final five districts: California's Fourth District, Colorado's Fourth District, Minnesota's Third District, North Carolina's Tenth District, and Washington's Eighth District. Final round votes poured in at [www.democratswork.org](http://www.democratswork.org) until midnight on Friday; in total, over 20,000 votes were cast in the contest.

"It was a hard-fought contest with votes pouring in from across the country from people who want community service to be an integral part of political activism in their neighborhoods," said Thomas Bates, co-founder and executive director of Democrats Work. "This contest showed that there is a real hunger for grassroots Democrats to put their values into action through service and to serve with General Clark. We look forward to coming to the Fourth District to work with residents to show the community how Democrats get things done."

The "Serve with the General" community service project will be announced soon.

"Service is a cornerstone upon which our country was built. It is central to what makes America great. I was proud to serve my country in the United States Army for 34 years; now I want to make sure that our values as Democrats are shown in our actions in addition to our campaigns," said General Wesley Clark when the contest launched on May 22nd. "In America, we work arm-in-arm with neighbors, families and friends to take care of our communities, and our politics should reflect that tradition. I'm looking forward to continuing to make a positive impact through service."

The Fourth District starts at the Oregon border in the state's northeast corner, then moves down along the Nevada border to Lake Tahoe in the east and near Sacramento in the district's southwest corner. Last September, Brown, who served 26 years in the Air Force, created the "Promises Kept Veterans Charity Challenge," which commits 5 percent of every dollar raised by his campaign to organizations serving veterans and families in need.

The first round of voting took place from Thursday, May 22, until Friday, May 30. The field was narrowed to the top five vote getters, and the final round of voting took place from Monday, June 2, to Friday, June 6.

Democrats Work, a national organization dedicated to connecting grassroots Democrats with community service projects, has mobilized over 1800 Democratic volunteers at more than 80 service events in a dozen states since it was founded in late 2006. General Clark serves on the advisory board of Democrats Work, along other national leaders, including President Jimmy Carter, Congressmen John Lewis (GA) and David Price (NC), former U.S. Senators Max Cleland (GA) and Gary Hart (CO), former Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, and former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. More information is available at [www.democratswork.org](http://www.democratswork.org).

During thirty-four years of service in the United States Army, General Wesley Clark rose to the rank of four-star general and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. After his retirement in 2000, he became an author, commentator, and businessman. Formed by General Wesley Clark, WesPAC: Securing America's Future is founded on the belief that a truly secure America demands sound, wise leadership and a renewed commitment to the values that have made our nation great: service, integrity, and accountability. WesPAC is committed to working for candidates who embody these ideas. You can find out more information at [www.securingamerica.com](http://www.securingamerica.com).