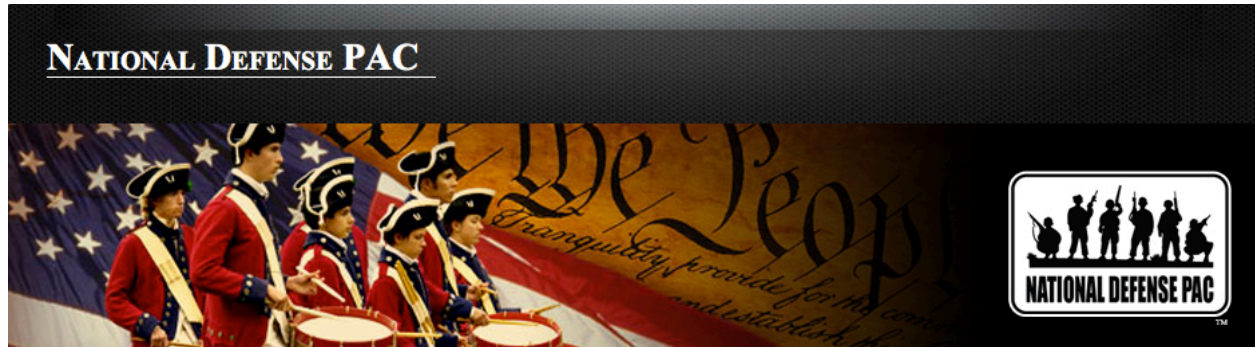


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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- **NATIONAL DEFENSE PAC** today announces with extreme pride its endorsement of **Congressman Thomas Cotton** to the United States Senate to represent the great state of Arkansas. **RADM James Carey, Chairman of NDPAC**, said, "Tom's august academic and military credentials have made him a good congressman and will make him a great senator. As an Army infantry man serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, Tom proved that he is a man of courage and valor. His time in the United States Congress has proved that he is man of great intelligence and loyalty. He has consistently supported issues that are important to our service families and veterans. Additionally, his firsthand knowledge of the effects of America's policies in the Middle East is crucial at this volatile time in the world. The citizens of Arkansas are fortunate to call the "Natural State" home along with this sixth generation Arkansan. Tom Cotton's exceptional education and military experience have formed a man who will make them proud as he represents his state in the US Senate."

Tom, a Harvard University and Harvard Law graduate, clerked for the Fifth Circuit of the US Court of Appeals and then went into private practice. The 9/11 attack on our country compelled Tom to enlist in the US Army. He declined offers to serve as a JAG officer and volunteered for the infantry, enlisting January 11, 2005. On June 30, 2005, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and went on to receive his Ranger Tab and his Parachutist Badge. Deployed as a platoon leader with the 101st Airborne in Iraq, he planned and led daily combat patrols. Following Iraq, he was assigned as a platoon leader in the elite Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. In 2008, Lt. Cotton volunteered to serve in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Tom was assigned to Laghman Province as the Operations Officer of a provincial reconstruction team where he planned daily counterinsurgency and reconstruction operations. He was honorably discharged 9/26/09.

Congressman Tom Cotton while serving in the United States Army was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Bronze Star, the NATO Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and various other commendations and service medal.

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