

**John W. Tilford, independent candidate for US House, Indiana 9th District,
needs your signature on a petition form to get his name on the fall ballot!**

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Former Marine Corporal (Vietnam, 18 months) and Army Reserve Colonel (Global War on Terrorism, 2½ years) John Tilford is running as an independent candidate for the US House of Representatives, Indiana 9th District.

Tilford accepts no campaign donations and would accept only one half of the \$174,000 Congressional salary if elected: “My home is in the 9th District. We have no debts and my retirement income is sufficient. I’ve been called up through the Army Reserve for national service in DC before and after 9/11 and know what the living expenses are. I’d spend the remainder of the Congressional salary on two full time additional staff in Indiana. My paper ‘Too Much Money in Politics’ is available through the website on the “Why?” page. It is obvious the current system for filling the 9th’s seat favors government *by* and *for* the wealthy, and only *of* the people.”

“Since the Republican 2010 redistricting of the 9th, Democratic candidates have set records for margin of loss. Republican incumbents have voted so consistently with the Republican National Committee line there is no need for an incumbent: just let the RNC cast the 9th’s votes. However, the hyper-partisan split in the House would increase the leverage of an independent’s vote. Some good could come from a bad situation.”

Tilford’s website compares his qualifications to the responsibilities of three committees, here listed in preference order: Veterans Affairs, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Oversight and Government Reform. Tilford is locally known for successfully assisting veterans and surviving spouses with VA appeals; has a Master’s in Strategic Intelligence and served as a senior intelligence analyst for both the Defense Intelligence Agency (in DC and later in the Pentagon as Chief, Afghanistan Cell) and the National Ground Intelligence Center (where he retired as Deputy Commander); in his civilian career was a management and organizational analyst for both the Internal Revenue Service and the Navy, and was a member of two civilian national task forces.

He has lived in the 9th since 1964 with only the following breaks; to work at Crane NSA for money to return to Indiana University after Vietnam, when selected as an administrative intern with the IRS in Cincinnati, and when mobilized to Army Reserve active duty in and near Washington, DC.

Tilford states, “I need 5,368 valid signatures to get on the fall 2020 ballot for the US House, Indiana 9th. The petition form is available on the ‘How?’ page of www.tilfordforcongress.com. A person signing a petition form is in not obligated to vote for me.” Here’s your chance to make history.