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McGowan Adds Endorsement from Decorated Veteran

Former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill Supports Chris McGowan

SIOUX CITY, IA — One of our nation's most decorated and celebrated combat veterans has endorsed Chris McGowan in his campaign to represent Iowa's 4th Congressional District in Washington, DC. Running on an "America First, Iowa Always" message, McGowan's campaign has continued to gain support from local, state, and national leaders.

Former Navy SEAL, Robert O'Neill, who is a veterans advocate and the best-selling author of <u>The Operator:</u> <u>Firing the Shots that Killed Osama bin Laden</u> endorsed the "McGowan for Iowa" campaign citing the McGowan family's three generations of military service.

"The McGowan family has demonstrated a generational commitment to service in the military that is quite rare today. In addition to Chris' time in the Iowa Air National Guard, his father served in Vietnam, and his five oldest children have all pursued a path to defend freedom in the Armed Forces. I have every confidence that he will be a tireless and effective advocate for our veterans, as well as the men and women who are presently serving in uniform, and, for this reason, I am endorsing Chris McGowan to represent Iowa-4 in Congress."

 Robert O'Neill, Best Selling Author, Veterans Advocate, and Former Navy SEAL / Team Leader for Operation Neptune's Spear, the Mission to Kill Osama bin Laden

McGowan praised O'Neill's exceptional record of military service stating, "I want to thank former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill for his countless and courageous sacrifices in defense of freedom around the globe." McGowan added, "Few have been asked to answer the call as he has, day-in and day-out for 17 years as one of our nation's elite combat warriors. I am grateful for his service, as well as his endorsement of our campaign to represent Iowa in the U.S. Congress."

The son of a Vietnam veteran, McGowan's father served with the Iowa Air National Guard in Phu Cat, Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. Additionally, a father of six, McGowan's five oldest children have all pursued a post-high school path that has included service in the Armed Forces.

A military veteran, lawyer, and economic development professional, McGowan continues to build one of the strongest campaign operations in the country. Last month, Congressman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), who serves as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, endorsed McGowan's campaign. Additionally, in mid-October, "McGowan for Iowa" announced that the campaign had broken long-standing fundraising records and set a new mark for a first-time Republican congressional candidate in the state of Iowa. McGowan's record amount (excepting candidates who have made personal loans to their own campaigns) served to underscore his momentum and status as the front runner.

Driven by record fundraising, growing grassroots energy, and the backing of leading conservative voices in Iowa and beyond, McGowan's campaign continues to surge toward the June 2026 Republican Congressional primary.

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