

August Pfluger Statement:

"I've made no secret of the fact that for much of my military career I wasn't as politically active as I might have otherwise been. Some of it was due to my belief that it was my obligation as an Air Force officer to respectfully abstain from the political process and serve the Commander-in-Chief regardless of my personal political beliefs — just as Generals Patton, Eisenhower, Petraeus, and Dempsey had done. Honestly, a great deal of it stemmed from a sense of disillusionment in the establishment politicians that I felt had failed our country's military in ways both big and small.

"But that all really changed when I got the opportunity to serve in the White House as a national security advisor to President Trump. I saw firsthand how much he cares about this country, and the kind of sacrifice he was willing to make; leaving behind a comfortable life and a successful business just to do what he could to protect our citizens, take care of our veterans, and restore America's standing in the world. I realized how much it matters who serves in our government. President Trump truly inspired me, and it's safe to say that if I hadn't had that opportunity to serve as a national security advisor for President Trump, I would not be running in this election.

"Some have chosen to take issue with my position and my rationale for not participating more fully in our political process; a viewpoint I can certainly understand. I can only say that I love my country and I support the right of every American to vote — a right I have repeatedly risked my life to defend."