

Hello New NY 23rd readers!

My name is Max Della Pia. I am running against Tom Reed to represent you and the hard-working men and women of the New York's 23rd Congressional District. My decision to run for office stems from the oath I took at the Air Force Academy when I was 17, "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic."

It is my goal to represent the best interests of all constituents in the 23rd district and I want to do that by getting to talk to you personally. To start, let me tell you a little bit about my family, my experience and me. My wife, Nancy and I moved to Owego from New York's Capital District in 2008. Our youngest son, Alex lives and works on a family-farm in Candor, NY, our eldest son John is a USAF Captain and K -135 pilot and our daughter, Maira is a Mechanical Engineer in Troy, NY.

I've served over 30 years as an Air Force Officer, pilot and commander. In the New York Air National Guard, I was the 109th Airlift Wing Commander from 1999 – 2006. I was responsible for over 1250 airmen and women, 14 C-130 aircrafts and \$93 million annual budget. I have a JD and practiced law as a defense attorney.

My legislative experience includes: Special Advisor for Legislative Affairs to the Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, Brookings Fellow on the Personal Staff of Senator Carl Levin, the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and I spent six months working for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force in Senate Liaison.

I have life experiences that will enable me to be an effective legislator, from day one. I feel the same way, now, as I did when I left my law practice and deployed to the Middle East. My country needs me and I feel obligated to run. It is a challenge I cannot walk away from. Let's talk! I'd like to listen to your concerns, discuss my campaign and answer your questions. I would also be honored to have your support.