SPECIAL ELECTION

A look at who's running

An April 30 primary for the District 3 Congressional seat features six candidates running for the Democratic nomination, 17 running for the Republican nomination and two in the Libertarian party. Sixteen of the candidates, five Democrats, 10 Republicans and one Libertarian, shared biographical information with Adams Publishing Group. Early voting in the primary begins Wednesday.



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

KEVIN BAIKO

Home: Moyock

- Age: 50 Qualifications:
- Physician ■ Medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in

Norfolk, Virginia, in

- 1995 ■ Worked as civilian contracting physician at military and
- TriCare Prime clinics.
- Serves as medical director of the North Carolina Cannabis Patients Network.
- Attends parents' church in Virginia. He and wife, Michelle, have two children, daughter Kalyn and son Cory.

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PAUL BEAUMONT

Home: Shawboro Age: 57 **Oualifications:** Defense contractor

the past 18 years, working in life-cycle logistics support for aviation acquisition programs; project engineer from 2000-01.



in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. ■ Served as U.S. Navy pilot from 1984-92;.

BEAUMONT

left service with a rank of an 0-3 lieutenant. ■ Member of Currituck Board of Commissioners since 2014.

■ Member of the Shawboro Ruritans; assistant Scout leader; chairman of the Currituck County Community Emergency Response

Personal ■ Attends Fountain of Life Church in Elizabeth City. He and wife, Christine, have six daughters, Nicole, Kara, Victoria, Ariana, Emily and Larissa; five sons, John, Roger, David, Joshua and Matthew; and five grand-

GARY CERES

Home: Greenville Age: 41 Qualifications: ■ Bachelor's degrees in political science and public administration from Elon University.



CERES

Library technician for ECU.

Owned bookstore, general store and toy shop in Washington, N.C., from 2010-2012, operated online business from 2005-2012, reference librarian from 2001-2009 and served as a federal employee for the Department of Defense at the Naval Street Station in San Diego from 2003-2008.

Member of National Right to Life, the Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce and Elon College Republicans.

■ Former Parks and Recreation Committee Member in New Meadows, Idaho, and former treasurer of Elon College Republicans.

Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award winner in

Personal information: ■ United Methodist

CHIMER CLARK

Home: Morehead City Age: Not provided **Oualifications:** Associate of sci-

ence degree from Craven Community College.



Marine Corps; founder and owner since 1992 of the Powerhouse division of Kimeplex Inc., which specializes in electrical work in North Carolina.

CLARK

Patriot Life Endowment Member of the National Rifle Association, member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, member of the Carteret County Chamber of

Personal information:

tist Church in Jacksonville.

Commerce and a former member of the U.S. Practical Shooting Association.

■ Precinct Chairman for Eastern N.C.'s Wildwood precinct in the 1980s. Personal:

■ 35-year member of Impact Church in Morehead City.

FRANCIS X. **DE LUCA** Home: Cary

Age: 60 Qualifications: Retired from the Civitas Institute.

■ Spent 30-plus years in the U.S. Marine Corps on both active



DE LUCA

duty and in the reserves, earning the rank of colonel. Worked as a Navy aviator flying heli-

■ Bachelor's degree from University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1981; master's degree in political science from the University of West Florida in Pensacola in 1991.

 Member of board of directors for the N.C. Victims Assistance Network.

■ Air Medal for combat flight operations; Meritorious Service Medal for service with II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune; Fidelis Award from Civitas Institute Board of Directors. Personal

■ Attended Infant of Prague in Jacksonville. He and wife, Cynthia, have two married daughters, Bryn and Courtney, and two grandchildren.

Marine Corps team leader from 1999-2004.

PHIL LAW Home: Jacksonville

Age: 37 Qualifications: Undergraduate degree in informa-

tion systems from Strayer University. IT manager since 2004 and U.S.



LAW

■ Life member of the American Legion, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the Disabled American Veterans and distinguished life member of the National Rifle Association.

Public relations worker for the North Carolina GOP's 3rd District.

Combat action ribbon, International Project Leadership Award and Project Team Award.

Personal information: Member of Catalyst Church.

GREG MURPHY

Home: Greenville Age: 56 Qualifications: ■ Undergraduate degree from Davidson College, medical degree from UNC School of Medicine,



MURPHY

urologic surgery residency at the University of Kentucky.

Current three-term Representative of N.C. State House District 9.

Urologic surgeon in private practice and faculty member at ECU School of Medicine. Member of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

■ Member John Paul II Catholic High School board, vice-chairman of St. Peter Catholic Church Parish Council.

■ Pitt County Boy Scout Citizen of the Year 2019, UNC School of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019 and was vice presidential appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy

Personal information: ■ Member of St. Peter Catholic Church and Greenville Community Christian Church.

MIKE PAYMENT

Home: Grandy Age: Not provided Qualifications:

■ President of CT Mechanical Inc., a company he established in 2008; previously

worked with Honeywell and Johnson Controls. ■ Earned business

degree and trade certificate in heating and air conditioning from College of The Albe-

marle in 1986. Served in the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school;



earned rank of E-4, petty officer 3rd Class Machinist Mate. ■ Elected to Currituck Board of Commissioners in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Currently serves as board's vice chairman. Previously

served as treasurer of the Currituck Republican Party ■ He is a volunteer firefighter; board member for Currituck Kids; member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

advisory board member for the Career Technical Education program in the Currituck County Schools. ■ He was named Petty Officer of the Month while on first ship, LST1197 The Barnstable

County; named Volunteer of the Year for Currituck Kids. Personal:

■ Member and ordained deacon at Poplar Branch Baptist Church. Wife, Judy Jordan Payment, and he have a daughter, Heather Payment Scott, and two grandchildren.

JOAN **PERRY**

Home: Kinston Age: 61 Qualifications: ■ Undergraduate degree in chemistry and medical degree from

UNC Chapel Hill.



PERRY

■ Pediatrician at Kinston Pediatrics and adjunct professor at UNC Chapel Hill. Sponsor and camp doctor of Refuge Christian Camp, member of the Child Daycare Commission, served as the secretary of the UNC Board of Governors and member of the

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

RICHARD BEW

nome: Newport Age: 51

children.

Qualifications: Undergraduate degree from Lehigh University, master's degree in International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins

University

■ 29 years in the Marine Cor ps, where he earned the rank of Colonel and served as a combat pilot and as Senior Legislative Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Defense fellow at the Truman National Security Project; founder of The Green Island, a local School Board watch-

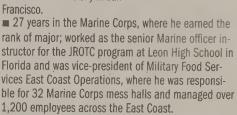
Member of the Marine Corps Association and Marine

Corps Aviation Association ■ Candidate chose not to list medals or other service honors he has earned because "though I wear [those awards] on my uniform, they belong to my brothers and sisters in arms that I had the honor to serve with."

Personal information: Member of a nondenominational military church

IKE JOHNSON Home: Jacksonville Age: 66

Qualifications: Bachelor's degrees in psychology and criminal justice from Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri, master's degree in human resource management from Golden Gate University in San



- President and CEO of Magnanimous Community Mentoring, an organization that mentors youth and families throughout Onslow Public Schools.
- Vice-Chair of the Montford Point Marine Association
- Chairman of the Marine Federal Credit Union's Supervisory Committee from 2007-2016 and current member of the Board of Directors for that commit-
- Chair of the Onslow County Democratic Party; previously third and first vice-chair.

Bronze Star for superior performance in a combat environment for his work feeding over 25,000 soldiers for eight months in the desert on deployment; Meritorious Service Medal for successfully leading and training Marines during his tenure at the U.S. Quartermaster School at Fort Lee.



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JOHNSON

DANA OUTLAW

■ Chair of the Deacon Board at J.T. Kerr Missionary Bap-

Home: New Bern Age: 64

Qualifications: Licensed real estate appraiser since 1978; owns mini storage project in New Bern; general contractor, home inspector and real estate broker.

■ Graduate of East Carolina University in 1976 in business administration; graduate level courses in real estate appraising.

 Current mayor of New Bern, serving second term. Served on the city's Board of Aldermen from 2006 to 2014. Appointed to the N.C. Appraisal Board in 1991 and served as its chairman in

■ Past president of the New Bern Rotary Club, past vice

chairman Craven Community College Foundation Board, past president and original member of Partners in Educa-

tion; past president of the New Bern Board of Realtors. ■ Past Master of St. John's #3 Masonic Lodge; 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason. Realtor of the Year and Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. ■ Member of Trinity Methodist Church in New Bern since 1968, past lay leader, past trustee and past Sunday school superintendent. A widower, Outlaw has foul chil-

dren: Janet, Katie, Jenna and Adam; and five grandchil-

ERNEST REEVES

Home: Greenville

Age: 54 Qualifications: ■ Associate's Degree in liberal arts from Highline Community College; bachelor's degree in communications from Saint Augustine's

University. ■ Served as a U.S. Army military



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officer retiring at rank of captain; retired airline manager; community advocate. Secretary of the Armed Forces Communications and

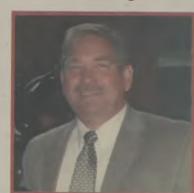
Electronics Association; member of the Pitt County Saint Augustine's College Alumni Association. Democratic nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District in

■ Winner of a U.S. Army Active Duty two-year Green-to-Gold ROTC Scholarship and completed 20 years of honorable active duty service in the U.S. Army.

Personal Information: Candidate did not provide.

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Mike Payment



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Conservative

United States Congress District 3

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