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Veteran, defense consultant Cory Mills files to run in CD 7



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Mills joins Mark Busch, Jeremy Liggett as GOP CD 7 candidates.

Cory Mills, a defense, diplomatic, and law enforcement consultant and

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Cory Mills

Florida's 7th Congressional District

Jeremy Liggett

Mark Busch

Orange County

Seminole County

Stephanie Murphy

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contractor with a significant presence as a commentator in national conservative media, has filed to run as a Republican against Democratic U.S. Rep. **Stephanie Murphy** in Florida's 7th Congressional District in the 2022 election.

Mills is a U.S. Army veteran of Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq who has spent much of the past 16 years as a consultant there and in the United States, turning his focus some to assisting law enforcement.

Along the way he has developed a significant presence as a

commentator
through
conservative
media, first on
foreign policy, and
lately more
broadly on politics.

“I see a shift in our
nation. I see where
we’re starting to
have some of what
I vision as an
‘America last’
agenda. And we
really need, our
government needs
to start thinking
about putting our
American
communities to
heart first. I’m tired
of partisanship.
I’m tired of people
in politics not
being transparent,”
Mills said.

“When I look at all
these things, I just
felt that rather
than just sit here,
and while I enjoy
serving our law
enforcement

community, while I enjoy serving our military, I just felt it was time to restore America's voice," Mills said. "It is time to restore transparency, accountability, and to be what you are, a representative of the people, not a representative of your party."

Mills is the **third Republican to file** either federal or state paperwork to run in the CD 7 election.



There is no way to know at this point whether any of them or Murphy still will be in CD 7 come 2022.

Congressional redistricting is expected to redraw that and other districts so

Florida can make room for one or two more congressional seats for the 2022 elections.

Murphy, a three-term moderate Democrat from Winter Park, might not run for reelection regardless. In recent months she has begun posturing for a **possible U.S. Senate run**, seeking to take on Republican Sen. **Marco Rubio**. Murphy has not announced any intention to run for the Senate, and the only campaign paperwork she has on file with the Federal Election Commission is for a reelection campaign in her current CD 7.

Already,
Casselberry City
Commissioner
Mark Busch and
Jeremy Liggett of
Longwood have
filed to run for the
Republican
nomination in CD
7. The district
currently covers
Seminole County
and parts of
Orange County.

Mills said he
recently moved to
a house in Winter
Park from a family
home outside the
district. He also
maintains a
residence in the
Washington area,
where one of his
companies is
headquartered, but
he said he has
been spending at
least 70% of his
time in Florida.

As shown by links
on **his campaign**
website, Mills has

frequently
appeared as a
guest
commentator on
OAN, NewsmaxTV,
Fox News and
other networks
and local TV
programs. He
began as a
frequent

contributor of
written

commentaries for
Newsmax.com
and other
conservative
politics websites
and newspapers,
and then began
being invited onto
national TV shows,
particularly on
issues of national
security, but began
to expand that.



Those include an
article last fall on
AmGreatness.com
headlined,
“Building a New,
Less Cowardly.

Republican Party.”

In it, he claimed there had been widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election and that too many leaders in the Republican Party knew it was coming, but didn't do anything about it. Most claims of widespread voter fraud have been disproven.

“In the next congressional races, patriots will rise. We will be like the young prophet in Isaiah 6:8, each hearing “the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’” All of us should be ready to say, ‘Here I am, send me!’” Mills wrote.

Pictures on his campaign website show him as a speaker at a “Stop

the Steal” rally in Dallas for former President **Donald Trump**.

Mills is a decorated U.S. Army combat veteran who, after his discharge, got involved in defense and diplomatic consulting work in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2006, as a contractor for the U.S. State Department, he was injured in two separate explosions in Iraq.

He is founder and CEO of PACEM Solutions International in Falls Church, Virginia, and PACEM Defense LLC, which was listed with a location in Perry, Florida, after it acquired AMTEC

Less Lethal
Systems of Perry,
in 2018.

A Winter Haven
native, Mills has an
associate's degree
from **Florida State
College** at
Jacksonville, and
bachelor's and
master's degrees
from **American
Military University**,
a private, for-profit
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West Virginia,
according to his
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April 12, 2021 at 6:33 pm

great news. let's get rid of the socialist democrats

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A watered down version of Liggett. Let's spread these patriots out a bit and move Mills to district 3.. No reason to stack layers and layers of patriots in CD7. Liggett will take this seat regardless.

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