

Subject: missing candidate forums / question

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Melanie,

At the candidate forum in Alpena last night Lon remarked that Jack had missed seven forums so far in the MI-01 campaign.

There is one tomorrow in Kingsford, and on October 5 one of the organizers Barb Rice informed me Jack would not participate. There is also one on Friday in Sault Ste. Marie and on October 12 organizer Melissa Shaffer-O'Connell told me he initially agreed to participate, and later pulled out.

If Lon's numbers are accurate that would mean Jack would have forfeited nine forums.

Of the two forums to which I was invited that he did attend, organizers said he had committed only in the days before, or on the day of.

Friday may be our last forum. I don't know of any scheduled after that.

Forums are valuable campaign devices because they allow voters to compare and contrast our views. And they make the campaign more challenging.

I write to encourage Jack to change his mind and attend tomorrow and Friday.

If he decides not to, I have a question which I wonder if he would answer by email, based on his military expertise.

More than once including at the presidential debates Hillary Clinton has called for a no-fly zone over Syria. But earlier, on September 22, joint chiefs chair Joseph Dunford, who like Jack is a marine general, told a senate committee the enforcement of a no-fly zone would mean war with Russia: "“Right now... for us to control all of the airspace in Syria would require us to go to war against Syria and Russia.”"

Does Jack agree with General Dunford's assessment of the requirements of a no-fly-zone?

Thank you.

Ellis