

# Derrick Van Orden (WI-3)



## Biography

### BIRTH DATE

Unknown

### EDUCATION

Attended, Law, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 2019-2020;BS, Excelsior College

### FAMILY

Wife: Sara Jane; 4 Children

## Background

A retired Navy SEAL, Van Orden ran in Wisconsin's 3rd District for the second time after losing the 2020 general election; campaigned on a platform of traditional conservative values with Trump's endorsement

Joined the Navy at 18 years old and served for 26 years; acted in several films, including "Act of Valor" in 2012

Retired as a Navy SEAL in 2014 with five combat deployments, and described his military experiences in his 2015 book A Book of Man: A Navy SEAL's Guide to the Lost Art of Manhood; switched from the Navy to the private sector, where he briefly worked in consulting and owned two small businesses

Attended the Mitchell Hamline School of Law from 2019 until 2020, when he decided to return to public service by running for Congress

Lost the 2020 general election by less than 3 points to incumbent Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI3); faced scrutiny for his alleged involvement in the US Capitol riots on January 6, 2021

His 2022 House platform focused on conservative values and opposition to House Democrats' policies; Van Orden believes in less government involvement and more personal freedom

## District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
R+4	Likely R	Southwestern Wisconsin

## Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
<b>Van Orden</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Pfaff</b>	<b>48%</b>

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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