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Date Appointed to the Commission: May 20, 2004.

Work Experience: Chairman Terry Scott is a partner at Watson & Associates, a financial services firm located in Coleman, Texas. He joined the firm in 2001. He also teaches political science at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Calibre Corporation, a technical services company based in Alexandria, Virginia.

From 1997 through 2001, he was the Director of the National Security Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He directed programs for senior government executives and lectured in graduate and executive education courses on national security matters and issues. He joined the faculty at Harvard in January 1997 after more than 32 years in the U.S. Army. He remains a member of some Harvard affiliated national security study groups and committees, including the Executive Committee on Domestic Preparedness.

Military Service: His military experience includes command of tactical units at all levels, from platoon through division. Key staff assignments include service with the West Point faculty; speech writer and editor in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army; and Deputy for Plans and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command. He served in six foreign countries and participated in five combat tours, three of which were in Vietnam where he served as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Operations Officer.

Key senior command positions included duties as Commanding General, Special Operations Command Europe with responsibility for all joint special operations in Europe and Africa (1987-1989); Assistant Division Commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) throughout Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq (1989-1991); and Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea (1991-1993). From 1993 until his retirement from the Army in 1996, Chairman Scott was Commanding General of U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In this position, he was responsible for all Army Special Operations Forces, both Active and Reserve. His command participated in operations in Somalia, Haiti, and the Balkans as well as in counter terrorism and counter narcotics missions worldwide.

Chairman Scott is a qualified Combat Infantryman, Master Parachutist and Army Ranger

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Chairman Scott earned five awards for valor, including two awards of the Silver Star and two awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Educational Attainment: Chairman Scott received a Masters of Business Administration (magna cum laude) from Fairleigh-Dickinson University and a Bachelors Degree from Texas A&M University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and Staff College, and the Army War College.

Personal: Chairman Scott is married to the former Carol Wilson of Coleman, Texas. They have two daughters, Amanda and Lisa, who also live in Texas.

Nick D. Bacon, 1SG, USA (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: March 24, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner Bacon is currently serving on the President's National Hire Veterans Committee. He is the former Director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans' Affairs, a Veterans Affairs Representative and City Manager of Surprise, Arizona (1987-1990). He has served as the President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society (2001-2003); co-founder/co-ordinator of the Med-Vet Healthcare Program in Phoenix, Arizona (1987-1990); and with the VA Regional Office in Phoenix, Arizona (1984-1986).

Commissioner Bacon is also a member of the American College of Forensic Examiners, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars (with appointments as National Aid De-Camp), Arkansas Veterans Commission, National Security Council of the American Legion and has held past positions as Board Member, Arkansas Aviation Historical Society and Aerospace Education Center.

Military Service: United States Army, 1963-1984.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Commissioner Bacon is a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient for his heroic actions West of Tam Ky, in the Republic of Vietnam. He has also received the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Army Commendation medal, Good Conduct, Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry, Viet Nam Campaign medal, National Defense ribbon; Army Service ribbon and four overseas ribbons.

Commissioner Bacon has also been recognized as the George Washington Award State of Arizona (1986); Outstanding Young American (1977); The American Legion Honor Award; FBI Civilian Academy Award; American Academy of Medical Administrator's Statesman Award; Minuteman Award; 82nd Airborne Ironmike Award; Omar Bradley Award for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and others.

Educational Attainment: High School; Basic Law Enforcement; Associate of Science in Political Science; U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Dealing with the Public; Lee De Borris School of Dallas, Texas.

Military schools and course include First Sergeant Academy, Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Military Police Customs School, Language: Basic German, Counter-Terrorism School, Military Police Supervisors Course, Combat Medical

Course, U.S. Army Recruiting School, ITC, Station Commanders Course, Sniper School, Heavy Weapons Infantry.

Personal: Born in Caraway, Arkansas, Commissioner Bacon is married to Tamera Ann and has three sons and two daughters, as well as four grandchildren.

Larry G. Brown, Colonel, USA (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: July 9, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner Brown is currently flying as a civilian pilot in CH 54 Heli-Tankers during National Wild Fires Season throughout the United States.

Military Service: Prior to his retirement from the Oregon Army National Guard AGR program in 1996, Commissioner Brown was assigned as the Deputy Chief for Personnel. He also served as Training Officer in 1st Bn 162nd Inf, S2/S3 Officer 1st BN 249th Anti Armor LT, Dept G3Rear 82nd RTOC, 1st Corps, XO 82nd Bdg, Cdr 3rd BN 186th INF Anti-Armor with the Oregon Army National Guard.

Commissioner Brown received his direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1968. Prior to his commissioning, he served as a Warrant Officer following his graduation from Helicopter Flight School in 1967. His active duty assignments included Scout Team Leader, B Troop 1/9 Cav 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam; Instructor Pilot, Fort Wolters, Texas; Scout Section Leader, C Troop 3/17th Cav, 1st Avn Bdg Vietnam; Scout Platoon Leader, E Troop 1/9 Cav 1st Cav Division; Flight Platoon Commander, 249th Aviation Company (Heavy Helicopter), Finthen, Germany.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Commissioner Brown's awards include the Silver Star with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, and other awards and service recognition.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Brown graduated from Battle Ground High School in Battle Ground, Washington. In 1965, he graduated from Clark Junior College, Vancouver, Washington, with an Associate's Degree in Drafting and Design. In 1992, Commissioner Brown graduated from Eastern Oregon State College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

His military education includes attendance at the USA Flight School, Armor Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advance Course and Command and General Staff College.

Personal: Born in Pensacola, Florida, Commissioner Brown is married to Colonel Carol A. Brown. His daughter, Kelly lives in McMinnville, Oregon. One son Larry is a Captain assigned to 2nd Bdg, 4th Inf Div, at Fort Carson, CO, and son John lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

Jennifer Sandra Carroll, LCDR, USN (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: May 20, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner Jennifer Carroll is the former Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. She was responsible for the claims and benefits of over 1.8 million veterans. In fiscal year 2001, under her leadership, more than \$63 million in retroactive compensation was awarded to Florida's veterans. She was also responsible for the agency's \$30 million budget, legislation, three State nursing homes and one domiciliary for the veterans in Florida. She was also the Chairperson for Florida's Council on Homeless.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed her to the White House Presidential Scholar's Commission. In 2003, Ms. Carroll won her election for State House of Representatives District 13 and was subsequently reelected unopposed. She is the first African-American female Republican ever to be elected to the Florida Legislature. Currently she is the Chairperson of Financial Institution Committee, and a member of the Jobs & Entrepreneurship Council, Homeland Security and Public Safety and Select Committee on Affordable Housing.

Military Service: Commissioner Carroll enlisted in the Navy in 1979. She rose through the ranks from an enlisted Jet Mechanic and retired as a Lieutenant Commander Aviation Maintenance Officer after 20-years.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Commissioner Carroll received numerous personal awards and decorations during her 20-year military career which include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medal and many others. Ms Carroll has received numerous awards for her community service. She received the 2007 Pioneer award from the National Black Republican Association, 2006 Clay County Citizen of the Year award, 2005 Orange Park Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Award, and BAMPAC's Vikki Buckley Political Leadership Award. In 2004 she was the recipient of the "Legislator of the Year" from the Northeast Florida Realtors Association, 2001 Center for New Black Leadership Excellence in Leadership Award, 1998 First Coast African American Women Award, 1996 Clay County Chamber of Commerce Military Person of the Year and the 1996 YMCA Black Achievers Award recipient.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Carroll attended and graduated from Uniondale High School, Uniondale, New York, in 1977, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of New Mexico.

Personal: Ms. Carroll resides in Clay County and is married to Mr. Nolan Carroll. They have three children.

Donald M. Cassidy, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: March 24, 2004.

Work Experience: Following his retirement from the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1977, Commissioner Don Cassidy has worked predominantly in academia for North Park University in Chicago, Illinois, and for Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois. He retired in 2004 as Director of Operations for the School of Business and Nonprofit Programs at North Park University, where he regularly taught courses in Ethical Leadership & Strategic Management, Change Management, Diversity and Conflict, and Business Policy. Commissioner Cassidy presided over the merger of undergraduate and graduate business programs and the integration of the Axelson Center for nonprofit management into the new School of Business and Nonprofit Management, which he then directed.

While at Aurora University, he was involved with merging a long established undergraduate faculty with a relatively new graduate faculty. He planned, established and launched the School of Business, where he served as the Dean. He also served as Dean of Graduate Studies and Director of Development, coached wrestling, served as the judge of the resident halls council and managed the college's veterans affairs office.

From 1985 to 1998, Commissioner Cassidy was the Vice President of Corporate Development for Merchants National Bank in Aurora, Illinois. He was in charge of managing a cultural change from a traditional banking business to a modern customer-oriented banking organization. He assisted in significantly altering the organization, both structure and culture, while the bank's footings grew by approximately 30 percent and improved return on assets from .75 percent to 1.16 percent.

Military Service: After graduation from college, Commissioner Cassidy was commissioned as a regular officer in the United States Air Force. He rose to the rank of full colonel in 16 years.

He trained as a fighter pilot but was assigned to bombers where he flew more than 1000 hours in the B-47 during the height of the Cold War. He served as Maintenance Officer in the Strategic Air Command; Executive to the Comptroller of the USAF Headquarters Command; Chief of Maintenance for the Third Air Force in Ruislip, England where he was responsible for the logistic portions of integrating the F-111 fighter-bomber into the command; Director of Maintenance Policies and Procedures for Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe in Wiesbaden,

Germany; Instructor at the Air War College having been selected to remain on faculty after graduating from the Air War College; Director of Aircraft and Missiles Programs under the Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics, HQ USAF, the Pentagon, responsible for developing and managing \$8 billion in logistic programs each year, which included designing the programs, presenting them to the Department of Defense, OMB and Congress.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: During his twenty years of service, Commissioner Cassidy was awarded two Meritorious Service medals; six Air Force Commendation medals; two Outstanding Unit Citations; the National Defense Service medal and seven marksman's ribbons.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Cassidy received a Bachelors degree in History from Grinnell College in Iowa. He graduated with a Master of Science in Management from Colorado University and was honored as a Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Squadron Officers School and Air War College. He also attended the Royal Air Force Staff College in the United Kingdom and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

Personal: Commissioner Cassidy has been married for 48 years to the former Rosalie J. Yeoman. They have three grown daughters and four grandsons. His hobbies include reading, traveling, gardening and woodwork. He is currently serving as Immediate Past President of the B-47 Stratojet Association.

John Holland Grady

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Date Appointed to the Commission: May 20, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner Grady worked for 37 years providing actuarial services for pension plans and other employee benefit and financial programs. Geographically, his career included stints in Boston, San Francisco, Denver, New York and Dallas. His experience included working with Fortune 100 companies as well as small businesses. The bulk of his career was spent as a partner with Coopers & Lybrand, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and finally as a principal with Mellon Financial Corp. His employment responsibilities at times included practice office leadership and national leadership for standards of actuarial practice. Commissioner Grady retired in June 2005.

In 1984, President Reagan appointed Commissioner Grady to the Department of Defense Retirement Board of Actuaries. This three-member board is charged with responsibility for the actuarial methods and assumptions applied in the funding of the retirement, disability and survivor benefits provided by the Military Retirement System. This appointment was completed in 2002.

In 1985, the Secretary of Defense appointed Commissioner Grady to the Department of Defense Education Benefits Board of Actuaries, which has responsibility for the actuarial aspects of the Education Benefits Fund. This appointment was completed in 2002.

Educational Attainment: In 1968, Commissioner Grady received a B.A. in math from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and in 1973, he completed the professional requirements to become a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Personal: Commissioner Grady is married to Robbi Grady and they have two children. Having moved from Dallas in June 2005, they now reside in Boulder, Colorado where he enjoys beekeeping, tennis, and hiking.

Charles E. "Butch" Joeckel, Jr.

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Date Appointed to the Commission: March 23, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner "Butch" Joeckel presently serves as an accredited Veterans Representative for the National Veterans Legal Services Program headquartered in Washington, D.C. From 1974 -1992, he served in many capacities with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) as a National Service Officer, Legislative Assistant, Assistant National Legislative Director, Deputy National Legislative Director, National Director of Services, Executive Director of DAV's Washington Headquarters, and as National Adjutant--Chief Executive Officer of DAV.

Each of these capacities required Commissioner Joeckel to be keenly aware of the benefits and services provided to our Nation's veterans. He is responsible for many expansive provisions presently in law that extend benefits to our most severely disabled veterans, himself a bilateral above the knee leg amputee of the Vietnam War. Wounded during the Tet Offensive, Commissioner Joeckel has been an advocate for veterans for some 39 years since his return from Vietnam in 1968.

More recently, Commissioner Joeckel served as Executive Director of Help Disabled War Veterans, an organization affiliated with Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV) which provides personal computers, without charge, to veterans who are more-or-less housebound, thereby connecting them to the world outside their homes. In addition, he served as Special Projects Director of HHV, ensuring the continuance of the provision of computers to our most severely disabled veterans. He also served as a staff member of the President's Task Force To Improve Access To Health Care For Our Nation's Veterans.

Presently, Commissioner Joeckel is the Executive Producer of the American Veterans Awards (AVA) Show in Hollywood, California; a program that recognizes distinguished veterans from all walks of life, our Nation's military, National Guard & Reserves as well as our military families.

Military Service: Commissioner Joeckel served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was wounded during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Commissioner Joeckel lost both of his legs above the knees in a land mine explosion during an engagement with the enemy. He was awarded the Silver Star, Navy Commendation Medal with the combat "V" device, the Purple Heart and other meritorious awards for action in Vietnam.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Joeckel received an Associate of Arts degree from Prince George's Community College Largo Maryland (after service in Vietnam); 1972 matriculated in Political Science at Towson State College in Maryland; and rehabilitated under VA's Vocational Rehabilitation Program, 1974-1976.

Personal: Commissioner Joeckel has personally benefited from nearly every health care and/or educational training program provided by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense. For the past 36 years, he has represented veterans in one capacity or another. Having experienced the traumas of war, injury, recovery, rehabilitation and overcoming his severe disability, he is, indeed, amply qualified to pass on the various issues confronting our Nation's commitment to its Armed Forces personnel and subsequently our Nation's veterans.

He is married to the former Dianne L. Jackson, whom he met at Bladensburg High School, a 1967 Grad, and the couple presently resides in Naples, Florida. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Ken Jordan, Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: June 24, 2005.

Work Experience: Commissioner Ken Jordan has executive level experience in the government and corporate sectors in a wide array of fields, including operations management, staff functioning, mergers/acquisitions, strategic planning, Human Resource operations and Career Transition consulting.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1988, he was immediately employed by Bank of America in their corporate headquarters in San Francisco. As a Vice President and Manager in Corporate Human Resources, Commissioner Jordan managed multiple levels of managers with offices located throughout the country. He actively participated in twenty-three mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and was directly involved in strategic planning. He left Bank of America in 1997, and returned to San Diego.

In January 1998, Commissioner Jordan was certified as a Career Transition counselor for Lee Hecht Harrison, an international company that provides career advice and assistance to employees as part of a severance plan when they depart a company. Because of his experience at the executive level both in government and in the commercial sector, he primarily specialized in the senior programs. During his association with Lee Hecht Harrison, Commissioner Jordan has consulted over 600 senior and executive level professionals in the career transition process.

Commissioner Jordan has written numerous magazine articles, newspaper editorials and book reviews on a wide array of topics published in magazines and newspapers. He is an experienced instructor and public speaker, and is active in charitable, nonprofit organizations that provide service to the community.

He served on the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee; the Editorial Board of the *Marine Corps Gazette*, a professional magazine; is Past President of the Force Recon Association, a worldwide organization composed of former Marine Corps Special Operations professionals; was Chairman of the Board of the Marine Memorial Association in San Francisco, with over 20,000 association members worldwide; Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the USO of San Diego, representing the largest number of active duty military and their families of any USO in the Nation; a Director of the MCRD Museum and Historical Society; a member of the Board of Governors of the Marine Corps Association in Quantico, Virginia; an appointee to the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Advisory Council; a member of the Board of Directors of the Military Officers Association of America

(MOAA); and as a Director for the Veterans Medical Research Foundation, a not-for-profit research organization dedicated to funding and conducting medical research in support of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Diego.

Military Service: Commissioner Jordan retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel with extensive command and staff experience encompassing combat service in Vietnam, and command from platoon to regimental level. He commanded a Force Reconnaissance Company in Vietnam, and during his second tour in Vietnam and Okinawa served as the Operations Officer for an infantry battalion. His other assignments include command of a Recruiting Station, Command of an Infantry Battalion, and command of the Recruit Training Regiment (Boot Camp) in San Diego, plus various headquarters and staff tours. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1988, as the Director of Personnel of the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: As a U.S. Marine, Commissioner Ken Jordan is a recipient of the Silver Star, for valor in combat, in addition to two legions of Merit and a variety of other military awards. At Bank of America he received the CEO's Eagle Award for exemplary performance in the Mergers and Acquisitions environment.

In 1999, Ken was inducted into the Athletes Hall of Honor at his university, in recognition of his lifetime achievements as a former collegiate athlete.

In 2002, he was inducted as a Distinguished Graduate, the highest honor the university can bestow on an alumnus in recognition of lifetime accomplishments.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Jordan graduated from Sam Houston State University in Texas with a degree in Business Administration and has completed numerous management courses both in the Federal government and the corporate sectors.

Personal: Commissioner Jordan and his wife, Lee Ann, live in San Diego, California, and they have two daughters, both former collegiate athletes. Kristi is a school teacher in Seattle Washington, was an Honorable Mention All American swimmer, and is married to a medical doctor, also a collegiate All American swimmer; and Leslie, an All Conference runner in Track and Field in college and a Summa Cum Laude graduate, is in the psychology field working as a case worker/counselor in Seattle.

James E. Livingston, Major General, USMC (Ret.)

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Work Experience: Commissioner Jim Livingston currently works as a consultant for defense matters and on numerous boards, both profit and non-profit.

Military Service: Commissioner Livingston retired on September 1, 1995, following over 33 continuous years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. His last assignment was the Commander of the Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Following advancement to Brigadier General on June 10, 1988, he served as deputy Director for Operations at the National Military Command Center in Washington, DC. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Commissioner Livingston commanded the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, California, and developed the Desert Warfare Training Program. After commanding the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, he was advanced to Major General on July 8, 1991 and assumed command of the newly created Marine Reserve Force, and continued through its reorganization in October 1994 with its new title, Marine Forces Reserve.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: On May 2, 1968, while serving as the Commanding Officer, Company E, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces and earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. His decorations also include the Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal, with Combat "V;" Purple Heart, Third Award; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Ribbon, Second Award; Navy Commendation Medal, with Combat "V;" Combat Action Ribbon, Second Award; and various other service and foreign decorations. He is also a qualified military parachutist.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Livingston is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Air War College.

Personal: Commissioner Livingston is a native of Towns, Georgia, and is married to the former Sara Craft. They have two daughters, Kimberly and Melissa. Kimberly, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Medical University of South Carolina, is currently assigned to the Navy Medical Center in San Diego, California, as a staff Dermatologist. Melissa is a graduate from Tulane University and works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

William M. Matz, Jr., Major General, USA (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: September 27, 2005.

Work Experience: Upon retirement from the Army in 1995, Commissioner Matz worked eight years in the defense industry. He was first employed by Raytheon Company where he moved from a Program Manager to Vice President, Army Programs. Upon leaving Raytheon, he took over as Program General Manager for Vinnell/Northrop Grumman's Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, returning to the United States in 2004.

Commissioner Bill Matz currently serves as the President of the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS). NAUS was founded in 1968 and is the only military association that represents the entire military/veteran family. NAUS represents all seven branches of the uniformed services including Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration including all components (active duty, Reserve, National Guard), retired and other veterans, their families and their survivors, and all grades and ranks – both enlisted and officer.

Military Service: Upon his graduation from Gettysburg College, Commissioner Matz was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Following this initial assignment, he served along the demilitarized zone of Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division and 2nd Infantry Division successively as a rifle company commander and battalion S3. Upon his return from Korea, he was assigned to the Ranger Department, U. S. Army Infantry School. In 1967 he arrived in Vietnam and served as a rifle company commander with the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta, where he was wounded in action during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

Upon return from Vietnam, he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science, ROTC Department, Middlebury College, Vermont. Commissioner Matz returned to WESTPAC in 1970, where as Plans/Special Operations Officer on the Afloat Staff, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, he participated in amphibious operations along the Vietnam coast. In 1973, he was assigned to the Army Staff, Pentagon, as a strategic planner and Directorate Executive Officer until assuming command of the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division in 1977. In 1980 he returned to the 82nd Airborne Division and served as Division G3 from 1980 to 1982. Following this assignment, he returned to Korea where he served as Chief, Force Development Division, G3/J3, Eighth Army/U.S. Forces Korea Staff.

In 1983, he assumed command of the 4th Training Brigade, U.S. Army Armor School. Upon relinquishing command in 1985, he returned to the Army Staff as Deputy Director, Training Directorate. This was followed by a tour of duty as Executive Secretary to the Secretary of Defense. In 1988, he became the ADC(S), 7th Infantry Division (Light), and deployed with the Division to Panama on Operation JUST CAUSE. MG Matz assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General, U. S. Army Pacific in 1990. He then served as the Deputy Commanding General and interim Commanding General of First Corps and Fort Lewis from 1992 until his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1995.

Medals for Valor & Awards for Outstanding Service: Among his awards are the Distinguished Service Cross; Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters); Bronze Star for Valor; Purple Heart; and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner Matz is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Airborne and Ranger Courses the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He received a BA degree in Political Science from Gettysburg College and a MA degree in Political Science from the University of San Diego.

Personal: Commissioner Matz was born in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Great Falls, Virginia, and are the parents of three married children.

Vice Admiral Dennis V. McGinn, USN (Ret.)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: February 10, 2004.

Work Experience: Admiral McGinn is Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Energy, Transportation and Environment Division at Battelle Memorial Institute. He first joined Battelle as Vice President for Strategic Planning in 2002, following retirement after 35 years with the U.S. Navy. He is actively engaged in national forums to highlight the close link between energy and international security, as well as the imperative for innovative policies and more effective deployment of technology to create a high quality, sustainable global environment. Admiral McGinn serves on the board of directors of Brookhaven Science Associates, the board of directors of the National Conference on Citizenship, the board of advisors of the American Council on Renewable Energy and is a Senior Fellow for International Security at the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Military Service: A naval aviator, test pilot and national security strategist, Commissioner McGinn has served in a broad range of operational, staff and command billets.

Operational tours at sea include two combat deployments aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, flying strike missions with Attack Squadron 113 while serving as Landing Signal Officer and Weapons Officer. He served as Operations and Maintenance Officer in Attack Squadron 146 aboard USS Constellation and as Executive Officer of USS Coral Sea.

Shore and staff assignments include Air Warfare Officer at VX-5, China Lake, CA and Chief Test Pilot, Strike Directorate, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD. He attended the Naval War College, the Program for Senior Officials in National Security at Harvard University, and served as a Chief of Naval Operations Fellow on the Strategic Studies Group. Commissioner McGinn's first Flag assignment was as Chief, Information Systems and Chief Negotiator, Allied Command Restructuring, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe.

Command experience includes tours as Commanding Officer of Light Attack Weapons School, Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 27 during two deployments aboard USS Coral Sea, Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 125, flying F/A 18 Hornets, and Commanding Officer of the fleet replenishment oiler, USS Wichita.

From 1991 until July 1993, he served as Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier USS Ranger (CV 61) making an extended western Pacific and Indian Ocean deployment. In 1995 Commissioner McGinn served as Commander, Carrier Group One, responsible for the operational training and combat readiness of all Pacific Fleet Carrier Battle Groups. In January 1996, Commissioner McGinn was assigned as Director, Air Warfare Division in the headquarters of the Chief of Naval Operations where he was responsible for all policy, planning, programming and budgeting for Naval Aviation. In November 1998, Commissioner McGinn assumed duties as the twentieth Commander of the U.S. Third Fleet. Based aboard USS Coronado, he was responsible for the safety, training and readiness of all naval ships, submarines and aviation squadrons operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and served as the Pacific Command's Joint Force Commander for joint warfare experimentation.

In October 2000, Commissioner McGinn assumed duties in the Pentagon as the first Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs (N6/N7), responsible for determining needed future naval combat capabilities and for deploying systems to fully enable joint network centric operations. He held additional duties as the Navy's executive agent for technology experimentation and rapid prototyping, and as the Director of ForceNet, the principal element of the Navy's Sea Power 21 Strategy.

Educational Attainment: Commissioner McGinn is a native of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Test Pilot School. He was a Fellow at the Naval War College on the Strategic Studies Group and attended the national security program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Rick Surratt (Former USA)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: January 21, 2004.

Work Experience: Commissioner Rick Surratt, a combat-disabled Vietnam veteran, was named Deputy National Legislative Director of the million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at the 1998 DAV National Convention in Las Vegas. Commissioner Surratt is employed at DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters in Washington, DC. As a member of the DAV's legislative team, he works to promote reasonable and responsible legislation to assist disabled veterans and their families, as well as guarding current veteran's benefits and services from legislative erosion.

Commissioner Surratt joined the DAV's professional DAV National Service Officer (NSO) staff at the Roanoke office in 1976, working there until 1989 when he was assigned to the DAV National Appeals staff at the VA Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, DC. Later that year, he was assigned to the DAV office at the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals as a Judicial Appeals Representative. He moved to the DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters when he was named Associate National Legislative Director in 1994. In 1996 he was appointed Assistant National Legislative Director, and served in that capacity until his current appointment.

Military Service: Commissioner Surratt enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966. In 1967, he was wounded by shell fragments in the thigh during a Vietnam combat field operation, while serving with the 101st Airborne Division. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

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Work Experience: Commissioner Joe Wynn is the Legislative Liaison and a lifetime member of the National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS). NABVETS is a veteran service organization headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with over 35 chapters around the country; it has existed for more than 35 years. Since receiving an honorable discharge from the US Air Force in 1974,

Commissioner Wynn has been an advocate of veterans' initiatives. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Veterans Entrepreneurship Task Force (VET-Force) since 1999, and has assisted the Service Disabled Veterans Business Association with its mission of providing employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for service-disabled veterans. At one point, he was the Program Manager responsible for oversight of the facilities' operations, maintenance, and custodial services for the Department of Veterans Affairs' headquarters building in Washington, DC.

He currently serves as the Chairman of the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee for the Washington, DC, Branch of the NAACP; as a member of the NABVETS National Command Council; and as a member of the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Board for the District of Columbia.

Commissioner Wynn is also the President of the Veterans Enterprise Training and Services Group (VETS Group), a nonprofit organization formed to provide entrepreneurial education, supportive services, training, and advocacy for veterans interested in starting or expanding their own small businesses.

Military Service: Commissioner Wynn served as the administrative specialist for the 66th Strategic Missile Squadron of missile flight officers, stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, South Dakota, during the Vietnam era. He also served on the Human Relations Council.

Educational Attainment: Under the G.I. Bill, Commissioner Wynn attended the University of DC and Howard University. He completed a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems, a Master's degree in Business, and two years toward a doctorate in Organizational Communications. He later served as an instructor and the Director of Education at the PTC Career Institute, a business school in D.C.

Awards: Small Business Administration's Veteran Small Business Champion Award for 2005 for the Washington DC Region; NAACP's 2006 Julius E. Williams Distinguished Community Service Award for Veteran's Services.

Personal: Commissioner Wynn is a lifetime member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, and is married to Mrs. Margaret E. Wynn. Together they have five children and seven grandchildren.