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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-originator 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.