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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, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized) throughout Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq (1989-1991); and Commanding General, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.