

Joe Wynn (Former US Air Force)

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Date Appointed to the Commission: July 9, 2004.

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.