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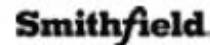
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Speaker Biographies



Barry DuVal **President & CEO** **Virginia Chamber of Commerce**

Barry DuVal was named president and CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce on April 28, 2010.

Under his leadership, the Chamber has become Virginia's largest business advocacy group, growing from 847 members in 2010 to more than 26,000 members today. In 2013, the Chamber produced Blueprint Virginia – the Commonwealth's first comprehensive business-led initiative to provide direction and long-term economic development planning for Virginia. In 2017, the Chamber released an update to the original Blueprint, Blueprint Virginia 2025, which engaged over 6,000 business and community leaders from around the Commonwealth to build an action plan for strengthening Virginia's economic competitiveness and getting Virginia back to the top of business climate rankings.

Barry's public service began in 1988 when he was elected to the Newport News City Council. In 1990 he was elected mayor of the city. He served as mayor from 1990 through 1996, when he stepped down to become the president and CEO of a regional economic development organization representing Southeast Virginia's 1.6 million citizens.

From 1998 through 2002 Barry served as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia. During his term as Secretary, Virginia attracted a record-setting 1,500 economic development projects representing 156,850 new jobs and \$13.7 billion in private investment.

His private sector experience includes serving as president and CEO of DuVal Associates, Inc, a diversified real estate firm, from 1983-1996. Upon the completion of his term as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, he served as president and CEO of Kaufman & Canoles Consulting, LLC, an economic development consulting firm specializing in public-private partnerships and strategic planning for business and government agencies.

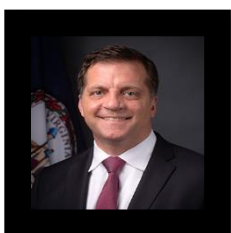
Barry holds a Master's (MLS) from American University Washington College of Law and a BS from James Madison University.



Fred Thompson **Chief Administrative Officer, Thompson Hospitality** **and Chair, Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**

Fred Thompson is a business partner and Chief Administrative Officer at Thompson Hospitality. Fred received a B.A. degree in Classical Studies from Hampden Sydney College and a M.A. degree in Public Administration from University of Virginia.

In addition to his work at Thompson Hospitality, Fred is a member of the Global Good Fund Foundation, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Virginia Council on Economic Education and serves as a Deacon at First Baptist Church, Vienna, VA.



Daniel Gade **Commissioner, Virginia Department of Veterans Services**

Daniel M. Gade served in the Army for more than 25 years. After enlisting in 1992, he graduated from West Point in 1997 and was commissioned as an Armor officer. He was wounded in action twice in Iraq while serving as a tank company commander. He earned an MPA and PhD from the University of Georgia, and served in the White House Domestic Policy Council under President Bush.

While on active duty, he was the co-founder of a major experiment in incentivizing veteran transition (The Independence Project) and served on various VA boards and commissions, including the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation. After retiring from the Army in 2017, he was an appointee at the US Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) and professor at American University. He is the author of the newly-released book "Wounding Warriors: How Bad Policy Is Making Veterans Sicker and Poorer."



Stu Shea **Chairman, President & CEO, Peraton**

As Chief Executive Officer, Stu leads the company's strategic direction. His vision and guidance drive Peraton's performance and culture.

Stu is the former President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Leidos, and was the principal architect in the creation of Leidos when he served as COO of SAIC. Prior to being named COO, Stu led SAIC's support to the National Security Community as President, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group.

Stu is also a founder of the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) and the highly acclaimed GEOINT Symposium. He serves on several industry, government, and academic advisory boards. Stu was a member of the Director of National Intelligence's Senior Advisory Group (SAG) and in 2016 he was presented the Intelligence Community Seal Medallion by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, Jr. for his service. He has also been the recipient of numerous awards for his leadership within the industry.

Stu has a Master of Arts from the University of Kansas, a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York at Albany, and executive education at the University of Virginia, Harvard Business School, Wharton, and The George Washington University.



The Honorable Craig Crenshaw **Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**

Craig Crenshaw has over 30 years of leading robust logistics products and services across a global network. He served as the president of Claxton Logistics Services. He spent many years in leadership roles in the United States Marine Corps and retired as a Major General. Craig served as the Senior Executive of Logistics and Supply Chain Management and prior to that he was the Director of Manpower Management for the United States Marine Corps.

Craig also served as the Commanding General of Marine Corps Logistics Command and the Director of Logistics Plans and Policy for the United States Marine Corps. Additionally, he served as the Vice Director for Logistics at the Joint Chiefs of Staffs.

Craig received his B.A. in Political Science from Southern University and A&M College. In addition, he has an M.A. from Webster University and an M.S. from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.



Drew Warren **Senior Policy Advisor, Dominion Energy**

Andrew (Drew) Warren joined Dominion Energy in January 2021 as Senior Advisor for Military Affairs and Public Policy within the Corporate Affairs and Communications team. From June 2019 – December 2020 he served as Team Chief of the Personnel & Readiness division in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Defense. He was a Special Assistant and principal legislative advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness and to the Department of Defense Chief Management Officer where he advocated for policies and managed relationships with

Members of Congress and committee staff.

Drew previously served the United States House of Representatives in the 114th and 115th Congresses as a Professional Staff Member for the Committee on Armed Services (HASC) from 2015-2018. In this role he advised Congressional members on defense and national security issues including; United States Army and Marine Corps organizational readiness, training, and logistics; the organic industrial base; and installation force protection and security.

Mr. Warren is a retired United States Marine Corps infantry officer with over 20 years of combined command, staff, instructor, and advisor experience from the platoon level to the service headquarters. He participated in combat operations in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan; humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in Cuba, Albania, and Turkey; and security cooperation deployments to Japan and Panama.

Drew was an Adjunct Faculty Member for Marine Corps University from 2008-2015 and selected to serve on the Marine Corps Gazette's

Mr. Warren received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, and currently serves on the Kenan-Flagler Business School Alumni Council. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from the Virginia Military Institute, as well as an Acquisition Management certificate from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Project Management certificate from Syracuse University. Mr. Warren is a distinguished graduate of Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Mr. Warren's personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Navy / Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "Valor" device, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.



Colonel Michael Brooks **USMC, Commanding Officer Marine Corps Base Quantico**

Colonel Michael L. Brooks is a native of South Boston, VA. He enlisted into the Marine Corps in August 1988 out of Parris Island, S.C. Upon graduation, Colonel Brooks was assigned to Third Battalion, 2d Marines, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. as the operations clerk in the S-3 office. Between 1990 and 1991, while still assigned to 3dBn, 2dMar, he deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

In the summer of 1992, then Corporal Brooks was assigned to Officer Candidates School, Quantico, VA and in 1994, Sergeant Brooks was assigned to Marine Corps Combat Service Support School, Camp Johnson, NC.

In August 1997, Sergeant Brooks was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant through the Meritorious Commissioning Program. After the completion of The Basic School and the Adjutant's course in 1998, 2dLt Brooks was assigned to 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC., as the Regimental Adjutant. In March 2001, 2dLt Brooks participated in Cooperative Osprey 2001; a multinational North Atlantic Treaty Organization Command Post Exercise, in Clementsport, Nova Scotia. Prior to finishing his tour with 2d Marines, he obtained a bachelor of science in psychology from Campbell University.

In June 2001, he reported to Marine Air Control Group 28 in Cherry Point, NC, as the Group Adjutant and Legal Officer. In June 2003, Captain Brooks was assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC as the MEU Adjutant. While assigned to the 24th MEU, Captain Brooks deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, participated in Humanitarian Operations following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, LA, assisted in the July 2006 evacuation of American Citizens in Beirut, Lebanon, and participated in operations INFINITE MOONLIGHT, Jordan, and INSPIRED UNION, in Kuwait.

From June 2007 to June 2009, Captain Brooks was assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment as the U.S. Marine Corps' Liaison to the Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, D.C..

In June 2009, Major Brooks was selected to be the Staff Secretary for the Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA.

In 2011, Major Brooks attended Resident Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA and upon graduation in 2012, was assigned to U.S. Central Command, Tampa, FL as the Branch Chief, Special Actions Branch – J-1.

In June 2015, LtCol Brooks was selected and assigned as the Headquarters Battalion Commanding Officer at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The mission of Marine Corps Base Hawaii is to provide facilities, programs and services in direct support of units, individuals and families in order to enhance and sustain combat readiness for all operating forces and tenant organizations aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Following a successful tour as the Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion, LtCol Brooks was selected to attend the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation in 2018, he was assigned as the AC/S, G-1 for 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

Colonel Brooks' personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Service medal (3d award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal (5th award), Joint Service Achievement medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal (3d award), and the Combat Action ribbon. Colonel Brooks has a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management, a Masters in Military Studies, and a Masters in Strategic Studies.



Captain David Dees **USN, Commanding Officer Naval Station Norfolk**

Captain David Dees is a native of Westlake, Ohio, and a 1997 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is also a 2005 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a 2008 graduate of the United States Naval War College where he graduated with distinction with a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategies Studies.

Upon commissioning, he reported to VT-10 for training as a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) at the completion of which he selected the E-2C Hawkeye pipeline. He received his Wings of Gold at VAW-120 in January 1999.

In July 1999, Dees reported to the Screwtops of VAW-123 in Norfolk, VA. During this tour, Dees deployed onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM and participated in Counter Narcotics Detachments in support of Joint Interagency Task Force-East.

Dees then returned to VAW-120 in July 2002 as a NFO instructor. During his tour with the Greyhawks he served as the Head Schedules

Officer, Hawkeye 2000 Training Officer and the NFO Training Officer. While at VAW-120, he was selected as the 2004 Hawkeye NFO of the Year.

Following his tour at VAW-120, Dees reported to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as the Assistant Navigator. During his tour onboard, he deployed with USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Dees reported to VAW-117 in Point Mugu, CA in 2008. Serving as Safety, Administrative, and Operations Department Heads, he deployed aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) in July 2009. He was selected as the 2010 COMNAVAIRPAC NFO of the Year and a 2011 Copernicus Award winner. Following his department head tour, Dees was assigned to Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) J-33 Global Force Management and transitioned to the Joint Staff J-31 Joint Force Coordinator upon JFCOM's decommissioning.

Dees reported as Executive Officer of VAW-124 in June 2013 and assumed command in August 2014. At VAW-124, he deployed with them onboard USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77) in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE. While in command of VAW-124, the squadron was awarded the 2014 CNAL Battle "E," 2014 CNO Aviation Safety "S" award, and the 2014 RADM Frank Akers Award as the top E-2 squadron.

Following command of VAW-124, Dees served as the head of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School (CAEWWS) at the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) from May 2016 to September 2019. Dees reported to Naval Station Norfolk as the Executive Officer in March 2020 and assumed command as the 50th Commanding Officer in September 2021.

Dees has accumulated more than 3,500 hours in the E-2C and E-2D Hawkeye and 1000 carrier arrested landings. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air Medal (eleven awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and various unit and individual awards.



Captain John Dewey **USCG, Commanding Officer Coast Guard Base Portsmouth**

Captain John T. Dewey serves as Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Base Portsmouth, providing a variety of mission support services in the fifth Coast Guard District, including: administration and personnel management, medical and dental care, work-life support, procurement, supply, housing, facilities maintenance, naval engineering, computer and electronics support, and morale and recreational services.

Prior assignments include Executive Officer for Coast Guard Base Seattle, Staff Judge Advocate for the Fourteenth District in Honolulu, HI, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Thirteenth District in Seattle, WA, and staff attorney in the Offices of General Law and Claims and Litigation at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. As a Coast Guard attorney, he prosecuted marine pollution cases and military justice crimes and defended the Coast Guard in civil lawsuits. Notable cases include several wrongful death cases related to Coast Guard search-and-rescue activities, legal advisor for the Headquarters-level Freedom of Information Act program during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response in the Gulf of Mexico, and management of the Coast Guard's Federal Medical Recovery Act program. Captain Dewey received a Juris Doctor in 2007 from J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. He is a member of the Utah Bar.

Captain Dewey graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1997 with a B.S. in Operations Research. After graduation, he spent five years at sea, serving on CGC CONIFER (WLB-301) in Los Angeles, California, and CGC EDISTO (WPB-1313) in San Diego, California. He became a highly skilled navigator and ship driver and led hundreds of law enforcement, safety, and security boardings. Captain Dewey transferred to Washington, D.C. and served as an intelligence officer in the National Command Center with follow-on assignment as Chief of the Counter-Drug and Human Smuggling Analysis Branch tracking maritime drug and human smuggling activity at the Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center.

Individual military awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, a Commendation Medal, three Achievement Medals, and the Department of Transportation 9/11 Service Medal.

Captain Dewey is married to Kimberly Stone Dewey, Esq., and they have three children: Gianna, Stone, and Jules. Captain Dewey's interests include woodworking, sailing, paddle boarding, scuba-diving, swimming, music, and family.



Colonel Harry Hung **USA, Deputy Joint Base Commander, Joint Base Langley-Eustis**

COL Harry D. Hung is the Vice Commander, 633rd Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA. As the Deputy Joint Base Commander, he leads three groups, providing installation support to more than 18,000 Air Force and Army personnel including Headquarters Air Combat Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, four operational wings, eight brigades, and more than 20 major associate units.

COL Hung is also responsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations worldwide. COL Hung is a native of New York City, where he graduated with honors from the Stern School of Business, New York University with a BS in Information Systems and Finance. He received his

commission into Army Military Intelligence (MI) from Fordham University in 1997. He is a career intelligence officer and has served at all echelons and across the globe to include contingency and combat operations. In his previous assignment, COL Hung served as the Garrison Commander of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



Lieutenant Colonel James Shaver **VANG, Garrison Commander, Fort Pickett**

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Lieutenant Colonel James “Jaycee” Shaver enlisted in the United States Army as an Infantryman in 1989 following graduation from Amelia County High School. He spent 13 years as an enlisted Soldier prior to receiving a direct appointment as Second Lieutenant to Field Artillery in 2002. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1999 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Biology and received a Master’s in Environmental Studies in 2018 from VCU as well.

LTC Shaver is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill, the Engineer Captain’s Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, the Intermediate Level Education Course at Fort Leavenworth, and is currently completing the Army War College Distance Education Program.

His current assignment as a traditional Soldier within the Virginia Army National Guard is Garrison Commander of Maneuver Training Center (MTC) - Fort Pickett. His previous duty assignments include Liaison Officer, Support Platoon Leader, and Battery Executive Officer in the 2-111th Field Artillery Regiment; Environmental Officer for Joint Force Headquarters – Virginia (JFHQ-VA); Plans and Training Officer for MTC; Detachment Commander of JFHQ-VA; Deputy Commander of MTC; Operations Branch Chief for the JFHQ-VA G3; Deputy Commander of 183d Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI); Commander of 3rd Battalion, 183d Regiment (RTI), and Chief of Plans, Training, and Security for MTC.

LTC Shaver’s deployments include Operation Just Cause (Panama), Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 as a Security Forces Platoon Leader, Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) in 2008-2009 as a Combat Advisor with the Afghan National Army, and in 2016 as the Executive Officer for the 116th Military Engagement Team in Jordan.

In his full-time capacity, LTC Shaver is the Base Operations Manager at Fort Pickett. Prior to that he served as Chief of Plans, Training, and Security at Fort Pickett, Deputy G3/Chief of Operations for the VAARNG, Environmental Officer for the VAARNG Construction and Facilities Management Office, and Integrated Training Area Management Program Coordinator at Fort Pickett.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

LTC Shaver is married to the former Mary Frances Brizendine of Chesterfield, Virginia. They have a 12 year old son, Tristan James, and two daughters, Madison Ann (20) and Kendall Ray (8). The Shavers currently reside in Chesterfield, VA.



Jana Toner **Senior Vice President, American Corporate Partners (ACP)**

Jana Toner is a Senior Vice President with American Corporate Partners whose portfolio includes continuing ACP’s growth trajectory, maintaining corporate relationships, and government relations. Based in Washington, DC, she has over 20 years of experience in the private and public sectors. Most recently, Jana served as Chief of Staff to the Second Lady Karen Pence, where she launched initiatives around mental health, veteran suicide prevention, and military spouse employment. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she ran track and cross country. She is a mother of 3 active teenagers.



Chris Doss

Senior Director of Operations, US Card, Enterprise Specialty Servicing, Capital One / Co-Chair, Blueprint Virginia 2030 Military and Veterans Affairs Executive Committee

Chris is a senior leader with over 20+ years of leadership experience in Information Technology, Operations, and Project and Program Management. Chris brings real-world management experience in driving vast improvements in Information Technology delivery and operational processes.

Chris is a Senior Director at Capital One where he leads Enterprise Specialty Servicing with Capital One, which encompasses the Servicemember Civil Relief Act (SCRA), Military Lending Act (MLA), ADA Title III, Power of Attorney processing, and Language Assurance Translation and Interpretation.

Chris served 22 years in the Virginia Army National Guard retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel and served in two overseas deployments - Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan during 2009. Chris served in the 276th Engineer Battalion, the 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the 29th Infantry Division. Chris currently resides in Richmond, VA.



Kerri-Anne Gonzalez

PM Military Recruiting Events, Global Military Affairs, Amazon

Originally from Long Island, NY Kerri joined the Army in 2013 as a radiology technologist. During this time, she obtained her undergraduate degree from Southern New Hampshire University in Human Resources. After transitioning out of Fort Lee, VA, Kerri worked for the Virginia Department of Veteran Services in the Military Medic and Corpsman Program (MMAC). She served as a program coordinator, assisting highly skilled and trained medical military professionals, veterans, and their spouses with career service skills and job placement in Healthcare. In 2019 Kerri received a Master's of Human Services in Counseling from Liberty University. Kerri's current role as a talent acquisition program manager with the Global Military Affairs team at Amazon allows her to

continue to call Virginia home.



David Lee

Director of Military Programs, CVS

Dave is a retired U.S. Army Colonel who joined CVS Health in May 2016 and is a leader on their Workforce Initiatives team and co-lead of their military colleague resource group.

His military experience includes command of a 625-soldier field artillery battalion, assignments as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow and Strategic Planner for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army. Dave's last assignment in uniform was leading the U.S. Army marketing program. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and holds three master's degrees from Webster University, the Air Command and Staff College and the Air Force's premier school for strategists, the

School of Advanced Air and Space Studies. In 2018 he completed the inaugural George W. Bush Institute Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program, a first-of-its-kind program aimed at individuals serving our nation's veterans who are motivated to broaden their skillsets, knowledge, and influence across the country focusing on three veteran topics, education, healthcare and employment which aligns well with the work he is doing today.



Mike Verano

LPC, LMFT, CEAP, CCISM, BC-TMH, CCTP, CFRC, Clinical Manager, Optima Health Employee Assistance Program

Mike Verano, LPC, LMFT, CEAP, CCISM, BC-TMH, CCTP, CFRC is a licensed therapist, certified employee assistance professional, certified approved instructor of critical incident stress management, a board certified tele-mental health professional, certified clinical trauma professional and certified first responder counselor with over 30 years of experience in the mental health field. Mike has had articles published in national and international magazines on a wide range of mental health topics and is a nationally recognized public speaker. Mike currently serves as the clinical manager for Optima EAP.



Emma Walsh

LPC, LMFT, CEAP, CCISM, BC-TMH, CCTP, CFRC, Clinical Manager, Optima Health Employee Assistance Program

After a decade of working with HOPE, Emma Walsh is the steady leader who guides the team and pushes the organization to new limits. As Chief Impact Officer, she oversees strategy to ensure HOPE delivers high-quality, innovative, and accessible services to our mission base.

Emma came to HOPE in 2009 with a background in non-profit management, fueled by a family committed to service. Her motivation to help veterans stems from several family members who currently serve and have served in the United States Military, starting with her grandfather, who served as a medic in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

Her roles within HOPE over the last decade have been equally diverse as they have broadened her scope of work in support of the mission. Emma began in fundraising then dove deeper into mission delivery to expand the warrior community's access to evidence-based programming.

Emma's experience, education, and higher learning also have contributed to the evolution of her HOPE career. She has a B.A. from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and a Masters in Clinical Psychology from Teachers College at Columbia University with additional specialized education courses at both Duke University and New York University.



Mike Batt

Vice President of Talent, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

As Vice President of FCEDA's Talent Program, Mike is responsible for developing programs and delivering solutions to solve the talent management attraction challenge at scale, aimed at retention, retraining, growth, and attraction. Mike also oversees market intelligence functions for the organization.

Mike joined FCEDA in 2019 after a 30-year career in technology sales and channel management, most of that time working for Microsoft.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Marymount University and resides in Reston, Virginia with his wife and two children.



Sultan Camp

Military Liaison | Strategic Recruiter Newport News Shipbuilding

Sultan Camp is a proud US Navy Veteran. He received his undergraduate from Norfolk State University and went on to receive a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development from George Washington University. As the Veterans & Military Spouse Lead, Camp works directly with the entire Newport News Shipbuilding team who prides themselves on seeking the hardest-working, most dedicated, skillful experienced Leaders; Engineers; IT, Construction; Project Management; Supply Chain; Electrical; Electronics; Mechanical; Security; Administration Support and Trades Professionals. Camp currently Co-Chairs the Veterans and Military Blueprint 2030 Executive Committee.



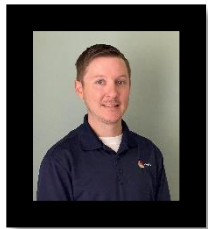
Mark Elliott **Head of Military and Veterans Affairs, JPMorgan**

Mark A. Elliott is Managing Director and Head of the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs for JPMorgan Chase & Co. He oversees firm-wide, veteran- focused efforts around strategic pillars: Employment, Entrepreneurship, Education and Workforce Development, and Community Engagement.

Over nearly three decades serving in the U.S. Army, Mark commanded units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. Retiring as a Colonel, his assignments in both conventional and special missions' units took him around the world including two deployments to Iraq, with his last serving as aide-de-camp to the commander of all forces in Iraq. Most recently, Mark Elliott was the Director of the Army's Land Warfare Network at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Mark joined JPMorgan Chase in 2015 as a senior strategist on Global Technology Infrastructure's Strategy and Transformation team where he supported the firm's efforts to create new ways of interacting with customers in a digital environment.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the University of Alabama, a Master's degree in Telecommunications Management from Southern Methodist University, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the National War College.



Matt Parker **Manager in Recruiting and Talent Acquisition, Altria**

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Major General Mark Simerly **USA, Commanding Support General, Combined Arms Support Command, Ft. Lee**

Major General Mark T. Simerly assumed the duties and responsibilities as the Commanding General for the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), the Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCOE), and Fort Lee on July 9, 2021. Previously, he served as the J4 Director, United States Forces Korea from June 10, 2020. He was commissioned as a lieutenant of Air Defense Artillery and awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Richmond. MG Simerly holds a Master's of Science in National Resource

Strategy from the National Defense University and a Master's of Military Arts and Sciences Degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

His command assignments include the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Daegu, South Korea from July 2019 to June 2020; Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 2017 to June 2019; 4th Sustainment Brigade, Ft. Hood, Texas from January 2012 to August 2013; 704th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, when the unit re-flagged as the 27th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and deployed to Tallil, Iraq from June 2008 to June 2009; Bravo Company, 801st Maintenance Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 101 st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Ft. Campbell, Kentucky from December 1996 to May 1999.

Major General Simerly's key staff assignments include Director of United States Forces Korea J4 at Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Director of Combined Arms Support Command Capabilities Development and Integration at Fort Lee, Virginia from August 2015 to June 2017; III Corps Assistant Chief of Staff, G4 at Ft. Hood, Texas from February 2014 to July 2015; United States Forces- Afghanistan Director of Logistics, J4, in Kabul, Afghanistan from August 2013 to February 2014; Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, U.S. Army Operational Test Command from July 2011 to January 2012; Senior Combat Service Support Observer Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Polk, Louisiana from September 2009 to July 2011.

His military education includes the Air Defense Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the Army Force Management School.

Major General Simerly's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Award, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, 2nd Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, NATO-ISAF (Afghanistan) and the Army Meritorious Unit Award and the Army Meritorious Unit Award.

Major General Simerly is married and has two adult children.



Todd Yeatts **Senior Manager of Government Operations, The Boeing Company**

Todd M. Yeatts is the Senior Manager for Government Operations for The Boeing Company. Based in Arlington, VA. He is the focal for seven states: Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Massachusetts. His responsibilities include conducting program advocacy and awareness campaigns, facilitating Congressional site visits, providing legislative testimony and serving as the primary contact for elected and appointed officials. He joined Boeing in 2007 as the Regional Communication Manager for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in St. Louis, MO, following a 19-month assignment in Iraq as Director of Strategic Communications for an Information Operations-Counter Improvised Explosive Device team based in Baghdad. He was promoted to his current position in 2008.

Todd is a retired 25-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

In addition to his military service, he has worked in state government as the Director of Communications for the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission and served as Military Aide-de-Camp for three Virginia Governors, Mark Warner, Tim Kaine and Bob McDonnell.

His local government experience includes serving as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Danville, Virginia where he initially served as the Director of Legislative and Public Affairs.

Todd serves on a variety of boards and commissions including the Virginia Governor's Aerospace Advisory Council, the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation – Unmanned Systems Advisory Board, the GO Virginia Region 7 Economic Development Commission, the Arlington County Economic Development Commission, the National Landing Business Improvement District Board of Directors, the Crystal City Citizens Review Commission, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Averett University Board of Trustees, the Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee, the Arlington Military and Veteran Affairs Committee.

He is the current Chair of Go Virginia Region 7 and was the 2016 Chair of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.



The Honorable Glenn Youngkin **Governor of Virginia**

Before his inauguration as the 73rd Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Ralph Northam served as an Army doctor, pediatric neurologist, business owner, state Senator, and Lieutenant Governor.

A native of Virginia's Eastern Shore, Governor Northam was educated at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where he graduated with distinction. After graduation, Governor Northam was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He served eight years of active duty and rose to the rank of major.

He attended Eastern Virginia Medical School and then traveled to San Antonio for a pediatric residency, where he met his wife Pamela, a pediatric occupational therapist at the same hospital. Governor Northam did his residencies at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and served as a chief neurological resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital. As an Army doctor, he served in Germany, treating soldiers wounded in Operation Desert Storm.

Governor Northam is the first native of the Eastern Shore to serve as Governor since Governor Henry A. Wise took office in 1856. He is also the first VMI Keydet to serve as Governor since Governor Westmoreland Davis took office in 1918.



Annie Walker **Deputy Commissioner**

Annie Walker is Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. A twenty-one year employee of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Mrs. Walker provides strategic management and oversight of the Benefits, Virginia Veterans and Family Support (VVFS), and the Veterans Education, Transition & Employment (VETE) Directorates. The VETE directorate includes the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education and Training (GI Bill), the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), the Virginia Values Veterans Employment (V3) Program, the V3 Transition Program, the Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) Program, the Virginia Women Veterans Program (VWVP), and the Military

Spouse Liaison. She is also responsible for general guidance and counsel to the Commissioner on agency strategy and administration.

Mrs. Walker is retired from the United States Army. She is a graduate of the Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, Camp Murray, WA but decided to continue her career as an enlisted soldier. Her military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Good Conduct Award, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Distinguished Instructor Award.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Education and Masters in Business Administration.

During her military career, Mrs. Walker was a 41C-Fire Control Instrument Repairer, 21GPershing Missile Electronics Material Specialist, 27M-Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Repairer, and a 92Y-Unit Supply Specialist. Her last duty assignment was at Fort Lee, Virginia, where she was a Drill Sergeant. Mrs. Walker ended her military career in 1997 as the Director for the Instructor Development Course at the United States Army Quartermaster Center and School.

Mrs. Walker has presented at several professional and community events including the Governor's Conference on Housing titled, "Veterans and Their Communities: Strategies for Transition, Jobs, and Thriving Lives: The GI Bill-A Partner in Addressing Homeless Veterans." And "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) as a Viable Career Choice." She also co-authored an article published in The Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation, "Perceptions of GI Bill Recipients with Disabilities."



Jasmine Gore **Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Central Virginia Regional Program Manager** **Virginia Department of Veterans Services**

Jasmine Gore is the proud daughter of two United States Army Veterans and currently works as the V3 Program Analyst for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. In the role, Ms. Gore also serves as the liaison for state/federal agencies and Virginia localities.

Ms. Gore was appointed by her peers to serve as Mayor for the City of Hopewell and currently has the honor of being the third female to serve in that capacity and fourth African-American in the City's history. As of 2019, Ms. Gore became the youngest female and African-American Mayor within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Last year, Governor Northam appointed Ms. Gore to serve on the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council.



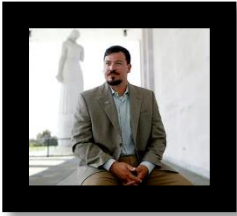
Jason Pak **Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs**

Jason brings over 10 years of experience in various leadership roles in the military, government, and corporate America. Before being appointed as Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, Jason served as the director of the Mid-Atlantic region for Boeing Global Engagement and led veterans outreach initiatives for the Boeing Company. Prior to that, he worked in the Army Systems group responsible for supporting the Boeing Defense, Space & Security weapons portfolio.

Jason also served as the assistant legislative fellow to Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) where he assisted the Senator and his staff in understanding policies, operations, and requirements of the Army.

In his time in the military, Jason deployed to Afghanistan in 2012, where he was wounded by a dismounted IED while conducting combat operations. Jason medically retired with the rank of Captain.

Jason holds a Master of Business Administration from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Phillip Trezza **Director, Veteran Transition and Employment, DVS**

Phillip Trezza is the oldest of three brothers and was born in Long Branch, New Jersey. He grew up in Richmond, Virginia and was eighteen when he enlisted in the United States Army in 2004. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron of the 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division out of Ft. Lewis, Washington. He served as the combat medic for 1st platoon, Crazyhorse Troop during operation Joint Task Force North, which is a multi-service operation by the United States Department of Defense for counterdrug and anti-terrorist operations in 2005, as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad and surrounding areas during the “Surge” in

2006 and 2007.

Phillip earned several awards for these missions including the Combat Medical Badge for treating wounded during enemy engagements. He was also actively engaged in ground combat during operations in Diwaniyah, Iraq for which the unit earned the Valorous Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy.

In 2008, Phillip moved back to Richmond, Virginia and transitioned into the Army Reserve. Phillip was called back to active duty in October, 2013 for a yearlong mission in support of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veteran Affairs in Seattle, Washington. The mission involved reviewing and improving the processes involved with completing Veteran disability claims. There was a great deal of congressional pressure to eliminate the backlog of claims. Phillip’s team was able to reduce the amount of time it took to transfer documents and files by 80% in only five months.

Upon return to Richmond in 2014, Phillip served as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Army Reserve’s 7202nd Medical Support Unit for two years and currently serves in the 7457th Medical Backfill Battalion.

Phillip is also employed by the state of Virginia as the program analyst for the Department of Veteran Services’ Military Medics and Corpsmen Program, which assists medically trained transitioning service members to gain employment in the civilian healthcare field.



Dr. Chris Byrd **Managing Director - B2 Consulting, LLC**

Chris Byrd is a retired veteran with 21 years of active-duty service in the US Army. His career included a wide array of experiences including leadership at various echelons of tactical and operational units both stateside and in combat zones. He led or oversaw dozens of Program Management efforts as part of the Army Acquisitions Corps and was selected for the Uniformed Army Scientist and Engineer program, through which he championed DoD research and development efforts in positions such as the Director of Biosciences for the Army Research Laboratories, Deputy Director of the Center for Molecular Science at the United States Military Academy, and

Strategic Science Advisor/Fellow to the Chief of Staff of the Army. Chris retired in 2016 as a Lieutenant Colonel after serving as an Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, teaching Chemistry and Biochemistry to future military scientists, doctors and nurses.

Chris is now the Managing Director of B2 (BSquared) Consulting, providing organizational management and R&D programmatic consulting services to industry and government partners. With a long and highly integrated military past, and having personally navigated the extensive veteran transition, education, and employment path, Chris remains passionate about providing veterans and their families the best opportunities available after transitioning from military service. Chris was the training and outreach SME for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services V3 Program for more than five years, providing educational seminars to nearly 2,000 corporate entities throughout Virginia on effective veteran employment strategies.

Chris holds a B.S. in Design Engineering from the University of Central Florida and a Ph.D. in Bioengineering from the University of Maryland.



Laura Schmiegel **Virginia Veterans Services Foundation**

Laura Schmiegel is Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at Orion Talent. In her role, Laura is responsible for cultivating partnerships that facilitate Orion's expansion as a leader in military employment services, including government, nonprofit and private sector collaborations. In particular, Laura is focused on creating pipelines of military talent to help narrow the skills gap and re-shore critical infrastructure and manufacturing jobs to the US.

Prior to joining Orion, Laura was the Head of Military and Veteran Affairs at Booz Allen Hamilton, where she was responsible for all aspects of the firm's military partnership strategy and for advising the firm's military recruiting, diversity and government relations teams. Laura's career began in military nonprofits. She was a founding member and later Chairman of the Board at Blue Star Families, she created and directed the military spouse program at Hiring Our Heroes and served as a regional director for The Mission Continues. She earned a law degree from the University of Michigan and her writing has been published in the Washington Post, The Hill, and the Christian Science Monitor. Laura lives in Arlington with her husband Kevin Schmiegel (USMA Ret.) and children.

