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Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired
Secretary-designee, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tours of duty during 28 year active duty career

June 2004-January 2008: Chief of Staff of Naval Service Training Command. NSTC is responsible for NJROTC and accession training of all Navy enlisted and officer personnel except for the Naval Academy. Responsible for 90,000 students located worldwide. HQ in Great Lakes, IL. Managed budget of \$215 Million+.

May 2003-June 2004: “Commodore” of Navy Recruiting Region South, responsible for Navy Recruiting in a 15 states and Puerto Rico. Provided leadership and guidance to 8 subordinate Commanders. HQ in Macon, GA, managed \$15 Million+ budget.

October 2000-April 2003: Executive Officer, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, preparing 50,000 new Recruits a year to train to become Sailors. Directed staff of 50 officers, 20 civilians and 1200 enlisted personnel. Managed 140 acre base, 44 buildings & \$4.96M budget.

December 1998-September 2000: Commanding Officer, Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh. District included Pennsylvania (except for Philadelphia) and a small part of Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland. Commanded 168 enlisted, 10 officers, 18 civilians, and 51 recruiting stations.

July 1996-December 1998: Deputy Commander, Eastern Sector, U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command. Responsible for 33 Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) geographically disbursed located east of the Mississippi and Puerto Rico.

January 1994-June 1996: Office-In-Charge, Naval Administrative Unit, Scotia. Autonomous control of a remote location; managed \$2Million budget and facilities including housing, as well as being the “landlord” for tenant commands including a Navy Exchange and DoD Commissary. Supported Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, NY, and other commands including 15,000 personnel.

June 1991-December 1993: Commanding Officer, Staff Enlisted Personnel assigned to Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Administrative Assistant to the Director of NCIS. HQ in Washington, DC.

August 1990-June 1991: Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI. Graduated with master’s degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

October 1987-August 1990: Commanding Officer, Staff Enlisted, and Administrative and Support Services Division Head, War Gaming Department, Naval War College. During off-duty hours, earned master’s degree in Adult Education at University of Rhode Island.

March 1985-October 1987: Instructor and Company Officer at Officer Indoctrination School, Newport, RI. Trained newly commissioned staff corps officers including doctors, nurses, and lawyers.

March 1982-December 1984: Drug and Alcohol Program Officer and Legal Officer at Navy Helicopter Squadron One (HS-1), Jacksonville, FL.

October 1980-March 1982: NORAD Liaison Officer and responsible for classified material (“Trusted Agent”) at Naval Space Surveillance Command, Dahlgren, VA.

June 1980-September 1980: Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI. Commissioning Source.