

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs

Nevada Veterans' Services Commission

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NRS 417.150 Creation; number of members; appointment, removal and terms of members; vacancies.

1. The Nevada Veterans' Services Commission, consisting of nine members, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint:

(a) Three members who are representatives of nationally recognized veterans' organizations and who possess honorable discharges from some branch of the military and naval service of the United States.

(b) Two members who are representatives of the general public.

3. The Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada shall each appoint one member from their respective committees to serve as a member of the Commission. Each member so appointed must be a representative of a nationally recognized veterans' organization and possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the military and naval service of the United States.

4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to serve as a member of the Commission.

5. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of the Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission.

6. The Governor may remove a member of the Commission at any time for failure to perform his or her duties, malfeasance or other good cause.

7. The term of office of each member is 2 years.

8. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of those members appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Governor shall fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees provided to the Governor in writing by the Executive Director.

NRS 417.190 Duties. The Nevada Veterans' Services Commission shall:

1. Advise the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.

2. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director regarding aid or benefits to veterans.

Veterans' Services Commissioners

Bill Baumann, Commission Chairman

Disabled American Veterans Representative

Bill Baumann's role as a Veterans Service Commissioner is to provide advisory support to the Director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services, and review and make recommendations to NOVS and the Commission on veterans' issues and bills being placed before the legislature. In this capacity, as in his roles as a member of the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Volunteer Advisory Group and former member of the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Advisory Committee, he assists NOVS in any way he can be of service to the mission to support the needs of Nevada's veterans. He previously served as Commission Vice Chairman, and was elected Chairman in January of 2011.

Michael Musgrove, Vice Chairman

Veterans of Foreign Wars Representative

Michael Musgrove was born in San Diego, California, and is a 40-year resident of Nevada, currently residing in Spring Creek. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1976 and attended Clark County Community College and Great Basin College. Mr. Musgrove is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Military Order of the Cooties. He was reappointed to his second term on the Commission in January of 2010, and was elected Vice Chairman in January of 2011.

The Honorable Elliot Anderson

Nevada State Assembly Representative

Assemblyman Anderson was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve on the Commission. This is his first term in the Assembly, representing District 15 in Clark County. Anderson was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and is a UNLV Magna Cum Laude graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He served in the US Marine Corps from 2001 to 2005 as a machine gunner, followed by three years in the inactive reserves. In 2004 he received a Good Conduct Medal from the USMC, and in 2005 he received a Combat Action Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Robert "Bob" Garlow

SNVMC Advisory Committee Representative

Bob Garlow was born and raised in Glendale, California. He and his family have made Boulder City their home since 1983. Mr. Garlow obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering from California State Polytechnic University and his Master of Science in Engineering Facilities from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. He is a retired US Air Force Major with twenty years of service and is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. He also served in Thailand, Japan, Germany and Spain. Mr. Garlow is chairman of the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Advisory Committee as well as the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery Volunteer Group. He also chairs the Nevada Veterans Assistance

League. Mr. Garlow is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Cootie, Vietnam Veterans of America—Chapter 17 and the Scottish American Military Society

Ron Gutzman

American Legion Representative

Ron Gutzman's goal as a Veterans Service Commissioner is "to have Happy, Healthy, and Secure Veterans" here in the State of Nevada. "Many of our troops return from their tour in the service with a variety of needs to be eliminated for them to properly integrate back into civilian life," he says, citing medical care, education and training, and mental health care as examples. "Our job is to make sure the veteran knows where and how to get [the services needed to fill these needs]. If no services are available, then our job is to do our best to make them available."

Mr. Gutzman is a 44-year resident of Nevada, originally hailing from Madison, South Dakota. He attended university at Dakota State College, University of New Mexico, and Northern Arizona University. He is a Marine Corps veteran and a former air traffic controller. In addition to serving on the Veterans Services Commission, he also sits on the National Executive Committee of the American Legion.

Charles "Chuck" Harton

NNVMC Advisory Committee Representative

Charles (Chuck) Harton was born in Oakland, Calif., and has made his home in Reno, Nev. for thirty-eight years. He retired from the US Marine Corps as a First Sergeant with twenty three years of service. He has served as national director of the Navy League of the United States and also president and director of the Reno Council of NLUS. He is a member of the Marine Corps League and Veterans of Foreign Wars. While serving on the commission, he hopes to help maintain and improve on the present level of veteran's benefits.

The Honorable Mark A. Manendo

Nevada State Senate Representative

Senator Mark A. Manendo was appointed by the Senate Majority Leader to serve on the Commission. This is his first term, representing Clark County Senatorial District 7. Manendo was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Chaparral High School and Clark County Community College. He attended the University of Virginia, Darden Executive Business Administration Course for Emerging Political Leaders. Manendo served in the Nevada Assembly from 1995 to 2009, where he served as Assistant Majority Whip in 2001. He was elected to the Nevada Senate in 2010, and currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Vice Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, and as a member of the Transportation Committee and Senate Select Committee on Economic Growth and Employment. Manendo also served as a member of the State Council for the Coordination of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, on the Advisory Committee for the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, and on the Commission for Special License Plates.

BG (Ret.) Frank Partlow

General Public Representative

Frank A. Partlow Jr. was born in San Francisco, California. He's made Nevada his home for forty-six years, the last nineteen of those in Reno. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the US Military Academy at West Point and later received his Master of Arts degree in Modern European History from Stanford. Mr. Partlow retired from the US Army as a Brigadier General with thirty years of service. Since retirement, he founded a business, taught at the University of Reno as an adjunct professor and held Presidential appointments within the Government Printing Office. He is a member of the Marines Memorial Association of San Francisco, Association of the US Army and West Point Society of Northern Nevada. He has been active with AMVETS and several community organizations in Reno. He is appointed to the commission as a member of the general public

Sally Wiley

General Public Representative

Sally Wiley was born in Winnemucca and has lived in Gardnerville since 2001. She attended Merritt Junior College in Oakland, California, and retired from the investment industry. Mrs. Wiley is a member of Carson Valley SERTOMA, Douglas County Republican Women, the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, Gold Star Mothers of America, Sierra Nevada Blue Star Mothers, and St. Gall Catholic Church. She also volunteers for the Army National Guard, Carson Valley Food Closet, St. Gall Women's Society, and St. Gall Catholic Church. She is married to James Wiley and is the mother of three sons, Sean Diamond (deceased), Michael Diamond and Jason Diamond, and is a grandmother of nine. Her son, Staff Sergeant Sean Diamond, was killed by an improvised explosive device while serving his third tour in Iraq in February 2009. Mrs. Wiley is very pleased with her appointment and says, "My way of honoring Sean is to continue working with the soldiers, their families, and the veterans." She was appointed as a member of the general public.