



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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Mr. Ray Carpenter is a retired Army Major General who served in the Army, Navy and Army National Guard for more than 44 years. His last assignment was Acting Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau from May 2009 to December 2011.

EDUCATION

Mr. Carpenter holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Black Hills State University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. He is also a graduate of the US Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Carpenter began his military service when he enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard in May of 1967. In 1968, he joined the United States Navy and attended a year long course in Vietnamese Language at the Defense Language Institute. In October 1969, he reported to the Naval Support Activity in Danang, South Vietnam and served there for a year. In 1972, he returned to the South Dakota Army National Guard where he served until 2006. He served in command and staff positions culminating with his assignment as the Assistant Adjutant General for the South Dakota Army National Guard and Deputy Commanding General for the US Army Maneuver Support Center at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Mr. Carpenter went on to serve as the Acting Director of the Army National Guard.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Carpenter currently serves as a Senior Fellow for the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), a position he has held since 2013. In 2015, he was appointed the Executive Director for the National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFEA). He's a life member of the National Guard Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Army Engineer Association, the Association of the United States Army, the American Legion, Army Aviation Association of America, Military Officers Association, and the Elks. From 2017 to 2018, Mr. Carpenter served as a member of a Homeland Defense Study Group for the Defense Science Board. The Study Group reported its recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Carpenter has received dozens of military and civilian awards. The most prestigious of those are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Canadian Meritorious Service Medal.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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