

# Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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# **TAY YOSHITANI**

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Mr. Yoshitani retired from the Port of Seattle capping a distinguished 25 years career leading four major public agencies that included major seaports and airports. He also recently retired from the board of two major corporations headquartered in Washington.

## **EDUCATION**

Mr. Yoshitani received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy in 1968 and a Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1975.

### **MILITARY SERVICE**

Upon graduation from the Academy, Mr. Yoshitani joined the Corps of Engineers, attended both Airborne and Ranger Schools, and served in Vietnam on Battalion Staff and later as Executive Officer of an Engineering Company building roads and airfields near Xuan Loc. After the Vietnam tour, he was assigned as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of U.S. Army, Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1973 to attend Harvard Business School.

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

As CEO of the Port of Seattle for 7 years, Mr. Yoshitani led a major regional public enterprise with assets in excess of \$5 billion that included the Seattle Seaport, SeaTac International Airport, and a large industrial/commercial real estate complex. Prior to the Port of Seattle, he served as Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for the Port of Oakland which also included the Oakland Seaport, Oakland International Airport, and a major real estate portfolio. His 25 years career also included leading the Port of Baltimore as Executive Director, and the Port of Los Angeles as Deputy Executive Director. Mr. Yoshitani was also active in leading the Association of American Port Authorities including a term as Chairman. All four Ports played major roles in the regional economies, transportation infrastructure, and work force development challenges and closely collaborated with all levels of government as well as private sector organizations. Mr. Yoshitani served on the Board of Directors of Expeditors International, a \$10 billion global logistics company. He also served on the Board of Directors of Port Blakely Company, a family-owned forestry company with sales over \$250 million. As CEO or Executive Director of 4 different Ports, Mr. Yoshitani served on numerous non-profit boards such as the YMCA of Eastside, Seattle Foundation, Chambers of Commerce Executive Committee at both Oakland and Seattle, National Urban Fellows, and the Japan American Society of Washington State. He remains active as a Board member of the ENO Center for Transportation, a think tank for transportation issues headquartered in DC, and as an Advisory Board member at the University of Washington, Bothell.

#### **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT**

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