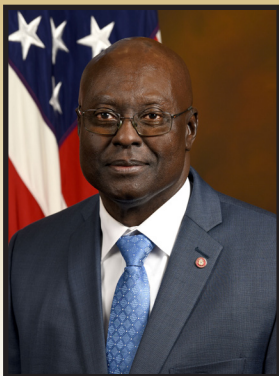




Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Mr. Beresford F. Edwards was appointed as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the Virgin Islands on November 13, 2019, thus becoming the fifth Virgin Islander to have held this position.

EDUCATION

Mr. Edwards graduated from St. Croix Central High School in June 1975. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree from the University of the Virgin Islands (1996) and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Charter Oak State College in Connecticut (2001). Mr. Edwards completed the University of the Virgin Islands' Legal Assistant Certificate Program in 1984.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Edwards completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 1976, he was stationed at Fort Ord, California as an infantryman, followed by assignments at Camp Hovey, Korea, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. In 1979, Mr. Edwards enlisted in the Virgin Islands National, where he served over thirty-two years as a Military Police Officer. In 2009, Mr. Edwards deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as the Deputy Director of the Commissions Support Group. On May 29, 2012, Mr. Edwards retired from military service after serving thirty-six years.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Active Life Member, National Guard Association of the United States; Life Member, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States; Life Member, Association of the United States Army; Life Member, Military Officer Association of America; Member, Legion de Lafayette; Life Member, American Legion; Mr. Edwards is the Chair Emeritus and was the Assistant Ombudsman Director of the Virgin Islands Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He is the president of the board of directors for the Apostolic Faith Mission of St. Croix, Inc., President of Our Community Salutes – U.S. Virgin Islands, Inc., and president of the Virgin Islands National Guard Association, Inc.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

His awards include the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and M. Device), the Army Service Ribbon, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Expert Infantry Badge. Additional awards include the Virgin Islands Meritorious Service Medal, the Virgin Islands Emergency Service Medal (with Numeral 3), and the Patrick Henry Award.

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