



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

WEST VIRGINIA



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Mr. Francis Vitale (Frank) is the President and CEO of Forge Business Solutions, a business strategy firm he founded in 2017. He also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at West Virginia University.

EDUCATION

Mr. Vitale attended Valley Forge Military Academy and College, earning an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, and serving as the student body president. He later attended West Virginia University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a minor in Public Policy and a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Vitale served nearly two decades in the U.S. Army Reserves and the West Virginia Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Captain. He concluded his military career as the Senior Officer Instructor for the Officer Candidate School and as the S-1 Administrative Officer for the 197th Regional Training Institute at Camp Dawson, West Virginia.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Lifetime Member of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Member of the Association of the United States Army, and Member of the Military Officers Association of America.

CIVIC: Board Member of Leadership West Virginia; Board Member of the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative; Former Member and Financial Officer of the West Virginia State Board of Education.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Vitale has received numerous awards and honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters). He received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award and the Order of Anthony Wayne, Valley Forge Military College's highest honor for leadership and service.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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