



## Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

MINNESOTA



**DONALD MARK RITCHIE**

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Mr. Ritchie served as President, Global Minnesota (2019-2023) and Minnesota's Secretary of State (2007-2015).

### **EDUCATION**

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University, a Masters Degree from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and attended the National Security Seminar at the United States Army War College in 2012.

### **MILITARY SERVICE**

As Secretary of State, Mr. Ritchie served on the Senior Advisory Council for the Minnesota National Guard.

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICE**

Mr. Ritchie was elected Secretary of State in November of 2006 and served until retiring from this position in 2015. In the 1980s, Mr. Ritchie served as the international trade policy analyst at the State of Minnesota's Department of Agriculture. He serves as an appointed member of the federal Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors and was a member of the U.S. Trade Representative's Trade and Environmental Policy Advisory Committee and delegate to the World Trade Organization Founding Ministerial.

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

**MILITARY:** Life member of the Association of the U.S. Army, Minnesota National Guard Senior Advisor Council, Army War College Foundation member, and Board Chair of the Military Historical Society of Minnesota.

**CIVIC:** Mr. Ritchie is President of the Board of Directors of the Military Historical Society of Minnesota and Co-Founder of the Minnesota WWI Roundtable, and an advisory board member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. He is active with Honor Flights Twin Cities, a life-member of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, and a member of the Community Advisory Council of Sunrise Banks.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Past President, National Association of Secretaries of State; Co-Chair, Minnesota Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Chair, Ft. Snelling Bicentennial Task Force; Twin Cities International Citizen Award, (2000 & 2018); Dwight David Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Award; National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Patriotic Employer Award; U.S. Department of the Army, Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service; Minnesota Federal Executive Council, Civil Servant of the Year; Minnesota Business Leadership Council Network Award.

### **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT**

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