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Joe Davis joined the staff of the VFW Washington Office as its Director of Public Affairs in April 2004. His duties include serving as national spokesman for the 1.7 million total-member organization on issues ranging from national security and foreign affairs to the proper care and treatment of veterans, service members and their families.

Davis enlisted in the Air Force in March 1976 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant when selected to attend Air Force Officer Training School. He would retire in the rank of Major in April 2000 with an overseas deployment history that included assignments with U.S. Central Command in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait from 1990-91; the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia from 1992-93; and U.S. European Command in Operation Support Hope in Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda in 1994.



He is a three-time Chief of Public Affairs at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., Luke AFB, Ariz., and Hickam AFB, Hawaii; was the Acting Chief of Media for Headquarters, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.; and prior to his military retirement, he was the Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for the operational arm of what is now the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Prior to accepting his current position with the VFW he was the Director of Communications for the regional headquarters of Goodwill Industries.

Davis earned a bachelor's degree in business administration (marketing) from Christopher Newport University, Va., and a master's degree in business administration and management from Webster University, Mo. His most precious military decorations are the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars.

He joined the VFW following his service in Somalia and is a Life Member of VFW Post 3391 in American Samoa. He is also a member of the Air Force Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

He and his wife, Mary, reside in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

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