



Peter F. Verga
Performing the Duties of the
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Mr. Verga is the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, and is performing the duties of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. Additionally, Mr. Verga is Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for Compartmented Activities. Previously Mr. Verga was Defense Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Prior to that he was the Chief of Staff and Senior Career Official for the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy responsible for oversight of security cooperation policy implementation and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, technology security policy and the Defense Technology Security Administration, detainee policy, missing persons and prisoners of war issues and the Defense Prisoner of War-Missing Persons Office. Mr. Verga also oversaw the management and day-to-day operations of the Policy organization.



Prior to that Mr. Verga served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, acting as principal advisor on matters related to homeland defense activities of the Department of Defense and regional security matters for the Western Hemisphere. He has served as a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory Council; as Director of the Department of Defense Homeland Security Task Force, developing the Department's organizational concepts and strategy to respond to the 9-11-01 attacks; as the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy Integration, successfully negotiating the return of a U.S. EP-3 Aircraft that made a forced landing in China in 2001; and as Deputy Under Secretary for Policy Support. Born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mr. Verga holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne, La Verne California, and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Troy State University, Troy, Alabama. Mr. Verga is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a guest lecturer at the Naval Postgraduate School and the Army War College. Mr. Verga has been a career member of the Senior Executive Service since 1998.

Mr. Verga is a retired U. S. Army officer with over twenty-six years of service, including combat operations in Vietnam from September, 1969 to November, 1971 and has been elected to the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. Prior to retirement from active service, he served in successive positions where he was responsible for a variety of special and sensitive activities and interagency matters including serving on the White House staff advising on matters including continuity of government and sensitive emergency plans and programs in direct support of the President. This followed duty as Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Operations of the White House Military Office and in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Verga has been awarded the Presidential Ranks of Distinguished Executive and Meritorious Executive and has been awarded three Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Awards and the Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award. During his military service his awards included, among others; the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Star medals, the Purple Heart, three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, twenty-one Air Medals, and the Presidential Service Badge.

Mr. Verga is married to the former Elizabeth Anne McAneny, they currently reside in Alexandria, Virginia.