

# Gov. Matt Blunt

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## **PRESIDENT • AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE POLICY COUNCIL, Washington, D.C.**

**Feb 2011 to Present**

Matt Blunt was appointed by Chrysler, Ford and General Motors to lead the American Automotive Policy Council which advocates for domestic and international policies that help American automakers grow and thrive. As president, Matt Blunt raises awareness of the economic contribution of these three great companies in the U.S. economy, advocates for trade policy that will allow for the export of more American made vehicles to foreign markets, and promotes advancements of American automakers in safety, quality, fuel efficiency and innovation.

## **GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI**

**2005 - 2009**

Matt Blunt was elected Missouri's 54th Governor by more than 80,000 votes on November 2, 2004, carrying 101 of the state's 114 counties. As governor, he led and managed nearly 60,000 state employees and a \$22,400,000,000 budget. Governor Blunt successfully worked with the Missouri General Assembly to enact a number of key legislative initiatives.

- Corrected an inherited \$1.1 billion deficit without a tax increase.
- Enacted three major tax cuts - ending the tax on Social Security benefits for Missouri seniors, cut taxes to support and encourage manufacturing and provided tax relief to Missouri families who purchase their own health insurance.
- Delivered \$1.2 billion new dollars for preschool, elementary, secondary and higher education over four years, the largest education funding increase without a tax increase in Missouri history.
- Enacted meaningful litigation reform to protect doctors from frivolous lawsuits and dramatically improve Missouri's business climate. The United States Chamber of Commerce's ranking of the states' legal climate moved Missouri in the right direction every year since these reforms took effect. Missouri moved ahead of ten other states during Governor Blunt's time in office. Improvements made to entrepreneurial and business climate resulted in Missourians creating over 70,000 new jobs during Governor Blunt's administration.
- Increased governmental transparency with the creation of the Missouri Accountability Portal. This online tool allows Missourians to see how their tax dollars are being spent in near real-time, as well as increasing government efficiency and accountability to taxpayers.
- Enacted one of the nation's strongest versions of Jessica's Law to ensure dangerous predators that commit sex crimes against young children stay in jail for at least 30 years and are monitored their entire lives.
- Expanded the sex offender registry and added new tools to make it a more powerful resource for parents.

## **MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE**

**2001 – 2005**

Matt Blunt was elected as Missouri Secretary of State on November 7 2000. This 300-person office had a \$30,000,000 budget. As Secretary of State, he oversaw elections, regulated the securities industry, administered the State Library and the Missouri State Archives, and processed millions of corporate filings including articles of incorporation, annual reports, and the uniform commercial code filings.

- Led the successful effort to reform state election laws – reducing fraud and expanding access to the ballot.
- Placed Missouri's business filings on line – reducing costs and increasing convenience for taxpayers.
- Reduced the number of employees and the total budget by more than 10 percent over a four-year period.

## **MEMBER MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**1999- 2001**

- Served on House Appropriations Committee gaining valuable insight into the legislative budget process.

**OFFICER – UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE**

**1998 – 2008**

- Mobilized to Commander Naval Activities United Kingdom after the September 11, 2001 attacks. Served as the Assistant Operations and Security Officer. Managed the creation of a new Force Protection Plan for six Navy assets/bases in the greater London area. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander while deployed.
- Commanding Officer of two Navy Reserve Units.

**NAVIGATOR & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER, USS PETERSON (DD-969)**

**1996 – 1998**

- Led a department consisting of navigation, administrative, medical and master-at-arms personnel.
- Led the Navigation team through a six-month deployment with a multi-national NATO Squadron.
- Maintained high degree of medical readiness for the entire crew.
- Corrected a number of manning deficiencies.
- Served as Officer of the Deck and Command Duty Officer throughout work-up exercises and a subsequent deployment.

**ELECTRICAL OFFICER, USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG-24)**

**1994 – 1996**

- Qualified as Engineering Officer of the Watch and as Officer of the Deck Underway.
- Led a division tasked with 60-hertz power generation and distribution throughout the ship.
- Improved the reliability of generators and 400 hertz frequency converters.
- Coordinated the decommissioning and transfer ceremony to the Bahraini Navy involving high-ranking United States officials and members of the Bahraini royal family.

**EDUCATION**

- Bachelor of Science, United States Naval Academy, 1993
- Surface Warfare Officer School, 1994

**AWARDS**

- Awarded four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals as well as numerous other military awards.
- Selected as one of the 10 Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber (Jaycees) (September 2005).
- Twice named as one of the Ten Who Made a Difference by *Southern Business and Development* (April 2006 and April 2008).
- Received the National Award for State Arts Leadership for 2008 and the Biotechnology Industry Organization's Award for Leadership Excellence (September 2005).
- Received numerous other awards for support of the business community, the arts, children's health, Missouri agriculture, community colleges and health care innovation.

**PERSONAL**

Matt has been married to Melanie Anderson Blunt since 1997 and they have two sons, William Branch and Brooks Anderson. They reside in Middleburg, Virginia.