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Colonel Albert V. Short is a soldier, diplomat, corporate executive, and entrepreneur, with over 50 years of successful management and leadership experience at all levels, to include the U. S. Government, international trade, and development projects in the U. S. and abroad, and founder and CEO of numerous ventures.

He has been associated with Micronesia since 1979, first as Chief of Staff and Defense Advisor in the NSC office that created Free Association with Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands (1979 to 1986), then twenty years later as the U. S. chief negotiator for the Amended Compact (2003), which is now being renegotiated by the parties.

Colonel Short is a Vietnam combat veteran and served in the Army's Foreign Area Program for many years in Asia and Africa.

He is acutely aware of the key role the Free Association relationship has played in the democratic development of the Micronesian nations, the importance of keeping this vital area free of hostile foreign influence, and the need to expeditiously renew the Compacts of Free Association for another 20 years.