



Robert E. Wallace
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Robert E. Wallace was appointed Assistant Adjutant General and Executive Director of the VFW Washington Office on Feb. 26, 2001, where he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of VFW activities in the nation's capitol. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Deputy Executive Director of the VFW Washington Office since October 1996.

After a successful career in banking, with his last assignment being senior vice president of a major New Jersey financial institution, Wallace joined the administration of former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean as Deputy Commissioner/Administrator of Veterans Affairs. Immediately prior to joining the VFW staff, he served as Executive Director of the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission. He has also served on a number of national and state government committees to improve the quality of life of America's veterans and their families.



Wallace served as a lance corporal with the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, in Vietnam from November 1967 to June 1968. He is a veteran of the Battle of Hue during the 1968 Tet Offensive, and received three Purple Heart medals for wounds sustained in Vietnam.

He joined the VFW while in Vietnam. In 1979, Wallace was the recipient of the VFW's Young Veteran of the Year award from both the national organization and the VFW Department of New Jersey. Wallace was the first Vietnam veteran, as well as the youngest veteran, to command the Department of New Jersey, from 1980-81. He has served on a variety of state and national VFW committees, to include Legislative, Security, Budget and Finance. He also served on the VFW National Council of Administration, which is similar in duties and function to a corporate Board of Directors.

Wallace is a past VFW Commander-in-Chief, having served from August 1991 to August 1992. During his term of office, he focused on quality VA health care for veterans and worked for the fullest possible accounting of American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action from the Vietnam War. He has traveled extensively throughout Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and now to Russia, to meet with elected leaders and government officials to help resolve the POW/MIA issue.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is also a graduate of the School for Bank Administration at the University of Wisconsin.

He and his wife, Dr. Katherine S. Wallace, reside in Arlington, Virginia. He is a life member of VFW Post 9503 in Bayville, New Jersey.

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