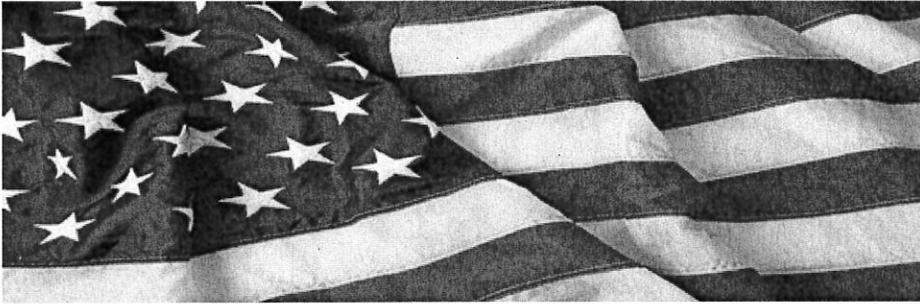


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## About the President

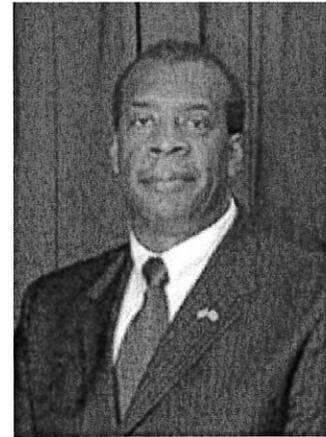
Rear Admiral W. Clyde Marsh, USN, (Ret.) was appointed as State Commissioner and Director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs by the Alabama State Board of Veterans Affairs in 2005 and was re-appointed for a third term in 2013.

Commissioner Marsh spent thirty-one successful and rewarding years in the U.S. Navy where he served in many key and high-level staff and command assignments. Among those included Commander of Task Force 51 during the Iraq War; Commander, Amphibious Group Three; Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group FIVE; Deputy Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (Pentagon); Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations (Pentagon); and Plans and Policy Officer for U.S. Pacific Command.

A native of Wedowee, Alabama, Commissioner Marsh earned his BA degree from Alabama A&M University in 1973 and later earned his Master of Science degree from Troy University. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College; National Defense University Flag and General Officer Course; Black Sea Regional Security Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and the Executive Business Course at the University of North Carolina.

In 2003, Commissioner Marsh was the first Navy Admiral to receive the Department of the Navy Nathaniel Stinson Leadership and Equal Opportunity Award. He is listed in the 2011-2012 Global Directory of Who's Who in Government and authored a book chapter titled "The Changing Landscape of Veterans Affairs." For his advocacy work on behalf of veterans, Commissioner Marsh received the 2010 National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion for the State of Alabama.

Nationally, in 2011 Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki appointed Commissioner Marsh to the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee and in 2012 the Secretary appointed him to the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee. Commissioner Marsh currently serves as President of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs for 2013-2014.



**W. Clyde Marsh, President  
Alabama**

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