

DVS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER STEVEN COMBS

BIO

Steven J. Combs serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

Son of an Air Force veteran, Deputy Commissioner Combs received his commission and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia. He served 10 years in the U.S Air Force in operations and logistics, including a tour as a squadron commander at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Other assignments took him to California, Korea, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, and Nevada.

Following his military service, Deputy Commissioner Combs earned Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Public Policy degrees from the College of William & Mary. In the summer between his 2nd and 3rd years at William & Mary, he was a Governor's Fellow under then-Governor Mark Warner.

In April 2004, he joined the Virginia Department of Veterans Services as the Director of Policy & Planning, where he led the Department's budget and legislative development initiatives and support for four citizen boards. He became the Deputy Commissioner in April 2015. In this role, he supports the work of DVS Commissioner John L. Newby II, the directors of the Department's six service lines, and the 700+ employees of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

He and his wife Brigitte live in Ashland, Virginia. They have six children, including daughters who are Navy and Air Force veterans. He is a member of the Military Officers Association, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Air Force Association. In his spare time, he enjoys travel, reading, and the study of historic coast defense forts.