

Colonel John G. Campbell, US Army, Retired

Mr. Campbell has twenty-two years experience in the Department of Defense, primarily in legislative affairs and command assignments. Following his departure from the Army as a Colonel, he served for four years on the staff of the U.S. Senate. In 1985, he left government service and established John G. Campbell, Inc. He sold this business in 2007 and founded Federal Initiatives, LLC, -- both firms specializing in legislative affairs.

Within the Department of Defense, he concluded his Army career by serving for four and one-half years as Chief of the Senate Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of the Army. In that capacity, his responsibilities included representing the Department of the Army before the Senate, as well as incorporating a wide variety of political, economic and personal considerations into advice for the leadership of the Army concerning the most effective approach to the Congress with regard to critical Army policies and programs. He also personally escorted 58 Congressional fact-finding delegations around the world including, in total, almost half of the Members of the Senate and many Members of the House of Representatives. During his service in the Army he was decorated 13 times, including two awards each of the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Following his departure from the Department of the Army, he served as the national security advisor to Senator John Warner of Virginia. In this role, he was active in ballistic missile defense, intelligence matters, strategic modernization activities, nuclear risk reduction, force projection, realignments and base closures, and a broad range of Virginia, national, and international issues. He subsequently served as a member of the professional staff of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate serving Senators John Tower and Barry Goldwater on the Republican side and Senator Sam Nunn on the Democratic side. His areas of responsibility included the DoD Budget, the Operations and Maintenance accounts for all Services and the DoD; remediation activities, base closures and realignments; the procurement of ammunition for all Services; the research, development and procurement of all U.S. Marine Corps ground tactical equipment; procurement of Army communications and electronic equipment, tactical and support vehicles and other support equipment; and the Stock Funds for all Services and the DoD. In this role, he was responsible for the staff recommendation for over one-third of the Defense budget request at that time. He also provided the staff recommendation for readiness-related issues.

Active in business and community interests, the clients of John G. Campbell, Inc. included twenty of the leading defense corporations in the United States. He also represented the opposition to General Manuel Noriega, culminating in the reestablishment of democracy in Panama. He has been active in raising funds for the campaigns of a number of defense, aerospace, and intelligence oriented Senators and Congressmen while serving on their steering committees and served as cochairman of the Rudman for Senate finance committee in the 1986 election. He is also the founder and pro bono president of Kids, Inc., a national charity dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of gravely ill children. The board of this charity includes, along with other distinguished individuals, twenty-six members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and has helped over 2,500 children since its inception in 1982. He is conversant in Farsi, Vietnamese and Spanish. On October 17, 2000, he was appointed by the 106th Congress to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Military Museum. On February 6, 2009, recognizing his efforts on behalf of the Republic of Panama, the Honorable Martin Torrijos, President of Panama, presented him with Panama's highest civilian Award, the "National Decoration of the Order Vasco Nunez De Balboa." Colonel Campbell and his wife of over 59 years now live in McKinney, Texas, where he and his wife are members of First McKinney Baptist Church. Academic background Degrees: B.S. (Texas Technological University) 1961, M.S. Industrial Management (Purdue University) 1967, and Graduate, National War College, 1979.