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### Secretary Cheney Announces Vice-Chairs For Veterans For Bush-Cheney National Coalition

*93 national veteran leaders and supporters voice support for Governor Bush and Secretary Cheney; Includes officers who served under Clinton-Gore*

**Lancaster, CA** - Secretary Dick Cheney today announced the vice-chairs for Veterans for Bush-Cheney, the national grassroots coalition, while launching California's Veterans for Bush-Cheney. The 93 vice-chairs of the national coalition are retired military leaders, current and former members of Congress, past leaders of veterans' service organizations, Medal of Honor recipients and former POWs. The national vice-chairs will help the state Veterans for Bush-Cheney offices carry Governor Bush's message of the need to rebuild our military and prepare our armed forces for the future and the importance of restoring support for veterans and military retirees.

Former Congressman, Sonny G. V. Montgomery, author of the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and Gen. Charles Krulak, USMC (Ret.), former Commandant of the Marine Corps, are the national co-chairs of Veterans for Bush-Cheney.

"Although all members of the Veterans for Bush-Cheney Coalition are firm in their support for Governor Bush, they are equally firm in their belief in the importance of the right to vote. Active duty, Reserves, National Guard, veterans, and military retirees alike have all served this nation to guarantee that right. The Veterans for Bush-Cheney Coalition now urges all Americans to exercise that right," said General Krulak, former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1995-1999.

"Governor Bush made clear at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion national conventions that one of his top priorities, if elected President, will be improving veterans benefits," said Congressman Montgomery. "Governor Bush also supports obtaining the fullest possible accounting of our MIAs. If he becomes President, he will keep his word to America's veterans and military retirees."

Governor George W. Bush has called for a top-to-bottom review of the Veterans Administration Health Care system to target and modernize areas that hinder veterans' access to the top-notch health care they deserve. He will also restore the "Duty to Assist" Veterans policy, requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to aid veterans in gathering evidence for their claims. He has pledged to create a Veterans Health Care Task Force comprised of officials from the Veterans Administration, Veteran Service Organizations, and VA health care providers, to ensure swift and appropriate implementation of the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act.

A Bush-Cheney administration will support Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner's efforts to provide health care coverage to military retirees age 65 and older, and their eligible family members, under the military health care program used by military personnel and their families.

*The following list represents the vice-chairs for Veterans for Bush-Cheney; service during Clinton-Gore Administration denoted by \*\*\*.*

Lt. Col. James Adams, Ph.D., USA (Ret.) U.S. Army veteran, Dallas TX  
 Senator Wayne Allard, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee  
 Honorable Everett Alvarez, Jr., U.S. Navy veteran, Mc Lean VA; First American taken prisoner of war in the Vietnam War, POW for 8 1/2 years; Deputy Administrator, Veterans Administration, 1982-1986  
 Leo Barraza, U.S. Army veteran, El Paso TX  
 Maj. Gen. Robert Bernstein, USA (Ret), Austin TX; Texas Health Commissioner, 1980-1991  
 Lt. Col. Don Bosserman, USA (Ret.), Austin TX; Past Dept/ Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart  
 John Brieden III, U.S. Army veteran, Brenham TX; Past Department of Texas Commander, American Legion  
 Congressman Steve Buyer, U.S. Army veteran, Washington DC; Chair, House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee  
 \*\*\*Cmd. Master Sgt. David Campanale, USAF (Ret.), Gainesville VA; Chief Master Sergeant of the U.S. Air Force, 1994 - 1996  
 Robert Carbonneau, U.S. Army veteran, Mathias WV; National Executive Director, AMVETS, 1997-1999  
 Bonnie Carroll, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC; President, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc.  
 Tom Clancy, Maryland; Best-selling author  
 Allen Clark, U.S. Army veteran, Dallas, TX; Director, National Cemeteries, Veterans Administration, 1991-1993  
 Leland Coggan, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Dallas, TX; Executive Director Savings Bond Division, U.S. Treasury, 1990-1991  
 Lt. Gen. John Conaway, USAF (Ret), Alexandria, VA; Former Chief, National Guard Bureau, 1990-1992  
 Col. Kenneth Cordier, USAF (Ret), Dallas, TX; Past President NAM-POWS, Former prisoner of war, Vietnam War  
 Adrian Cronaur, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC; U.S. Air Force veteran radio announcer, famous for "Good Morning, Vietnam!"  
 Congressman Randy Cunningham U.S. Navy veteran, Washington, DC; First ace of the Vietnam War, nominated for the Medal of Honor, U.S. Navy veteran "Top Gun" school commander  
 General Ray Davis, USMC (Ret.), Stockbridge, GA; Medal of Honor recipient, Korean War  
 \*\*\*Lt. Gen. Charles Dominy, USA (Ret.), Oakton, VA; Former Director, Army Staff  
 Col. Roger Donlon, USA (Ret), Leavenworth, KS; Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Medal of Honor recipient, Vietnam War  
 James Duncan, U.S. Army veteran, Houston, TX; Co-chair, Texas Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee, 1994 to 1999  
 Col. Wilfred Ebel, USA (Ret.), Washington, DC; Director, National Cemeteries and Chief, Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration, 1987-1989  
 The Honorable Jim Endicott, Jr. U.S. Army veteran, Harker Heights, TX; Former general counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 1991-1993  
 Congressman Terry Everett U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, House Veterans' Affairs Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee  
 \*\*\*Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF (Ret.), Durango, CO; Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, 1994 - 1997  
 Brig. Gen. Joe Foss, USMC, (Ret.), Scottsdale, AZ; Medal of Honor recipient, WWII, former Governor, South Dakota  
 Anna Gear Hampton VA: American Legion Auxilliary past National Commander

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Rudi Gresham, U.S. Army veteran, Round O, South Carolina  
 \*\*\*MCPON John Hagan, USN (Ret.), Rockville, MD; Master Chief Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy, 1992 - 1998  
 Sen. Chuck Hagel, U.S. Army veteran, Washington, DC  
 Congressman Joel Hefley, Washington, DC; Chair, House Armed Services Military Installations and Facilities Subcommittee  
 Cooper Holt, U.S. Army veteran, Silver Spring, MD; Past National Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 General Chuck Horner, USAF (Ret.), Shalimar, FL  
 Commanded allied air forces in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm  
 Maj. Gen. Evan Hultman, AUS (Ret), Waterloo, IA; Former Executive Director, Reserve Officers Association  
 Congressman Duncan Hunter, U.S. Army veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, House Armed Services Military Procurement Subcommittee  
 Senator Tim Hutchinson, Washington, D.C.; Chair, Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee  
 Senator James M. Inhofe, U.S. Army veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
 \*\*\*Lt. Gen. Neal Jaco, USA (Ret.), San Antonio, TX; Commanding General, 5th U.S. Army, 1996-1998  
 \*\*\*Adm. Jay Johnson, USN (Ret), Richmond, VA; Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. U.S. Navy veteran, 1996 - 2000  
 Richard Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Alexandria, VA; Executive director, Non-Commissioned Officers Association  
 Congressman Sam Johnson, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC  
 Lt. Gen. Donald Jones, USA (Ret), Killeen, TX; Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower  
 Miriam Jung, Indianapolis, IN; American Legion Auxilliary past National Commander  
 Gen. P.X. Kelley, USMC (Ret), Washington, DC  
 Mylio Kraja, U.S. Navy veteran, Hattiesburg, MS; Former Executive Director, American Legion  
 Gen. Frederick Kroesen, USA (Ret.), Alexandria, VA; Former U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff  
 The Honorable Alan Lance, U.S. Army veteran, Boise, ID; Immediate past National Commander, American Legion and Attorney General, Idaho  
 \*\*\*Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lee, USMC (Ret.), Arlington, VA; Sergeant Major of the U.S. Marine Corps, 1995 - 1999  
 Maj. Gen. James Livingston, USMC (Ret.), New Orleans, LA; Medal of Honor recipient, Vietnam War  
 William McLemore, U.S. Army veteran, Austin, TX; Veteran advocate  
 \*\*\*Gen. Merrill McPeak, USAF (Ret.), Lake Oswego, OR; Former U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, 1990 - 1994  
 Maj. Ron Miller, USA (Ret.), Marietta, GA; Executive Director, Georgia Veterans Leadership Program, 1982 -1995  
 Adm. Thomas Moorer, USN (Ret.), Bethesda, MD; Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
 Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Glen Morrell, USA (Ret.), Cocoa, FL; Former Command Sergeant Major of the Army, 1983 - 1987  
 \*\*\*Gen. Carl Mundy, Jr., USMC (Ret.), Alexandria, VA; Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, 1991-1995  
 \*\*\*Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC (Ret), Brownsburg, IN; First female lieutenant general in U.S. military history.  
 Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC  
 Lt. Gen. Dave Palmer, USA (Ret), Belton, TX; Former superintendent, United States Military Academy  
 Col. D. Ladd Pattillo, USAR (Ret.), Austin, TX; Vice President, Reserve Officers Association  
 Maj. Gen. Edward Philbin, USAF (Ret.), Evergreen, CO  
 Senator Larry Pressler, U.S. Army veteran, Washington, DC; Former U.S. Senator, New York  
 Cdr. Anthony Principi, USN (Ret.), Diamond Bar, CA; Former Veterans Administration acting Secretary  
 Congressman Jack Quinn, Washington, DC; Chair, House Veterans' Benefits Subcommittee  
 \*\*\*Brig. Gen. Patrick Rea, USAR (Ret.), Tinley Park, IL  
 Senator Pat Roberts, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
 Gil Rodriguez, U.S. Navy veteran, Austin, TX; State commander, American GI Forum  
 Sgt. Maj. Tom Ryan, USA (Ret), Washington, DC; Former Special Asst. to the Secretary, VA, for Veterans Service Organization Liaison  
 Lupe Saldana, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Fairfax Station, VA; Past National Commander, American GI Forum  
 Senator Rick Santorum, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Armed Services Airland Forces Subcommittee  
 John Smart, U.S. Army veteran, Nashua, NH; Immediate past National Commander-in-Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 Senator Olympia Snowe, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Sea Power Subcommittee  
 Congressman Gerald Solomon, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Washington, DC  
 Congressman Floyd Spence, U.S. Navy veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, House Armed Services Committee  
 Roger Staubach, U.S. Navy veteran, Dallas, TX; Heisman Trophy Winner, Super Bowl Champion, Hall of Fame Quarterback  
 Senator Arlen Specter, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee  
 Congressman Cliff Stearns, U.S. Air Force veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, House Veterans Health Subcommittee  
 June Stolte, Chesterfield, MO; American Legion Auxilliary past National Commander  
 Congressman Bob Stump, U.S. Navy veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, House Veterans Affairs Committee  
 Lt. Gen. Gordon Sumner, Jr., USA (Ret.), Santa Fe, NM; Former President InterAmerican Defense College  
 Lt. Gen. Herman Thomson, USAF (Ret), Austin, TX  
 Senator Strom Thurmond, U.S. Army veteran, Washington, DC; Senate Armed Services Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee  
 Col. John Truesdell, USA (Ret.), Falls Church, VA; Served on National Security Council  
 Brig. Gen. Sue Turner, USAF (Ret), San Antonio, TX  
 Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Alexander Vernon, USA, (Ret), Killeen, TX  
 Harry Walters, U.S. Army veteran, Williamsburg, VA; Administrator of Veterans Affairs, 1983 - 1986, President, Desert Storm Homecoming Foundation, 1991  
 Richard Wannemacher, U.S. Navy veteran, Owings, MD; Asst. National Legislative Director for Medical Affairs, Disabled American Veterans  
 Senator John Warner, U.S. Navy veteran, Washington, DC; Chair, Senate Armed Services Committee  
 The Honorable James Webb, U.S. Navy veteran, Falls Church, VA; Former Secretary of the U.S. Navy  
 Joanne Webb, Falls Church, VA; Former Asst. Secretary for Policy and Planning, Veterans Administration  
 Congressman Curt Weldon, Washington, DC; Chair, House Military Research and Development Subcommittee  
 Albert Zapanta, Washington, DC; U.S. Army veteran, CEO, US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce, White House Fellow  
 \*\*\*Gen. Anthony Zinni, USMC (Ret.), Williamsburg, VA; Former Commander, U.S. Central Command, Operation Desert



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