



Charles P. Wilson II **Veterans of Foreign Wars**
COMMANDER District 10 Virginia
Chairman, Potomac Region Veterans Council

Biography



Chuck Wilson is the Commander District 10, Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars. District 10 is the largest district in Virginia with over 6,000 Veterans of all Services and 2,000 Auxiliary Members. The VFW mission is to serve our veterans, the military, and local communities.

Wilson was the Commander (Executive Director) of VFW Post 7916 in Occoquan, VA from 2014-2017. He is the VFW National Special Aide-de-Camp 2016-2017.

Additionally, Wilson is the Chairman of the Potomac Region Veterans Council representing 26 Veteran service Organizations and over 15,000 veterans in Northern Virginia. In his multiple roles, he is a prime advocate for veterans and was instrumental in influencing Virginia legislation to ensure that all Veteran Service Organizations, like the VFW, would be recognized as non-profit charitable organizations as the Federal law provides.

Wilson's 27-year military career spanned the Cold War, Gulf War, including Operations Desert Storm; Northern Watch; Southern Watch; Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi

Freedom. Wilson has piloted a wide variety of Air Force aircraft with most of his time in the U-2 Dragon Lady where he piloted the U-2 on very sensitive missions near every "Hot Spot" around the world, served as a U-2 Instructor pilot, a U-2 Flight Commander, and was the Commander of U-2 Squadrons at Taif Air Base, Saudi Arabia, and Osan Air Base, South Korea. Wilson was also the Commander of the Air Force C2 Center of excellence that became the 505th Command and Control Wing, at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Chuck Wilson served in key positions on the Joint Staff; in Office of the Secretary of Defense; and at the Department of State where, as the Senior Defense Official, he led US delegations to facilitate diplomatic arrangements for US Forces to deploy Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The assignment at State was a key position following the 9/11 attacks upon the US. Wilson retired from the Air Force to look after his parents and became a business executive with both Raytheon and L-3 Communications specializing in intelligence systems. Currently he a Consultant with the Goyak Group.

Wilson, a rated Air Force Command Pilot, has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Indiana University, a Master of Science Degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Air War College, and was the 1997 National Defense Fellow who wrote the book, "Strategic & Tactical Air Reconnaissance in the Near East."

In his spare time, he is a Docent and military aviation lecturer at Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, a Member Board of Directors Cold War Museum, and a featured Air Force commentator on Smithsonian Channel "Air Warriors" Program.