

James V. Hansen
Former United States Congressman

During his 43 years of public service, Jim Hansen has established himself as a man of integrity and decision with the ability to bring multiple parties and conflicting views together to reach consensus on difficult and complex issues. He has extensive knowledge in all policy areas and has successfully enacted hundreds of pieces of legislation into law in all areas of government while in office.

Hansen served 22 years in the United States House of Representatives finishing his service as the chairman for the Committee on Resources. While chair he helped to guide hundreds of difficult and complex pieces of legislation through the committee. As a committee member he has sponsored countless pieces of legislation to protect land in Utah, in the Arizona Strip, designate wilderness lands in western Wyoming and Montana, and the California Protection Act. He has brokered numerous deals providing sound law that encourages multiple-use of public land, preservation of the environment and sound economic principles. During his time on the Committee Hansen brought compromise and consensus to both sides of the issues, forging many deals that both parties agreed to. He established an ability to guide a versatile and caustic committee and give the members of the committee the opportunity to speak their mind and debate the issues.

Hansen sat as a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee. He helped save Hill Air Force Base in Utah through three base closure periods, advocating not only what was best for his constituents, but what was best for the nation. During his time on the Armed Services Committee Jim was responsible for stopping President Clinton's illegal attempt to move Hill Air Force Base work to California. Hansen has established himself as a knowledgeable and capable leader in the defense industry and is admired as one who speaks with authority on intricate and multi-faceted defense issues. With his ability to talk plainly and to the point Hansen is able to successfully present his views to the executive branch and the Department of Defense. He is a veteran of the Korean War and served in the United States Navy during his service.

Hansen built a reputation as a straight-talking, hard working representative. Jim is viewed by members of both parties as an honest and reasonable legislator willing to work toward feasible solutions and progress. His hard hitting no nonsense approach won him the description as being one of the ten most powerful representatives in the House of Representatives. This ability has further helped him bring together hundreds of intricate and diverse bills and pass them into law.

Hansen served on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the United States House of Representatives for longer than any member to date. He was reappointed three times, serving the last term as chairman. As chairman he was endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans and brought sweeping changes to the Committee.

During his freshman year in Congress, Hansen started the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving with President Ronald Reagan. During the first year of the program deaths resulting from drunk driving dropped by 4,700.

Hansen initially became involved in public office because he desired to cleanup the drinking water in Farmington, Utah. He oversaw and helped build three new reservoirs and 11 miles of pipeline that were necessary to complete the system. He served on the Farmington City Council for twelve years.

Hansen also served four terms as a Representative in the Utah State Legislature, finishing his last term as Speaker of the House.

Prior to becoming a United States Congressman Jim was an independent insurance agent and president of a Utah land development company.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Utah. He is married to the former Ann Burgoyne of Salt Lake City, Utah. They have five children and nine grandchildren. They reside in Farmington, Utah.

Biography of James H. Bilbray

James H. Bilbray's primary area of practice is government relations and administrative law. Congressman Bilbray received his B.A. in Government and Public Administration from the American University in Washington D.C. in 1962, and his Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law in 1964. Congressman Bilbray is a Nevada native, and prior to being elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1987 was a Nevada State Senator, where he chaired the powerful Taxation Committee and was a member of the Judiciary Committee. During his 4 terms in the United States Congress, he was Chairman of the Small Business Sub-Committee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement, and was a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Intelligence Committees. He joined Kummer Kaempfer Bonner & Renshaw as Office Counsel in 1996, where he has specialized in dealing with local, state and federal issues. On December 8, 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for his extensive contributions to the State and U.S. government.

Over his long professional career, Congressman Bilbray has represented:

- The City of Las Vegas
- Clark County, Nevada
- The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
- The University of Nevada Las Vegas

In the past, Congressman Bilbray has also served on the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy, and the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He also served on the Advisory Board of the U.S. National Security Policy board.

Congressman Bilbray formerly served as director of the Lady Luck Gaming Corporation and on the advisory board of SRD Corporation, a corporation specializing in casino security. He has been licensed to practice before the Nevada Gaming Board and Commission since 1970.

Mr. Bilbray is also a stockholder in Alcalde & Fay, a government relations firm based in Arlington, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

ADMIRAL HAROLD W. GEHMAN, JR
USN/RETIRED

Admiral Harold (Hal) W. Gehman, jr, USN/RET, completed over 35 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy on 1 November, 2000. His last assignment was as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic and as the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Joint Forces Command, one of the United States' five regional joint Combatant Commands.

Gehman was born in Norfolk, VA on 15 October, 1942 and graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1965 with a BS in Industrial Engineering and a commission in the Navy from the NROTC program. A Surface Warfare Officer, he served at all levels of leadership and command primarily in guided missile destroyers and cruisers. During the course of his career he was assigned to an unusual five command-at-sea tours in ranks from Lieutenant to Rear Admiral.

Admiral Gehman served in Vietnam as Officer in Charge of a Swift patrol boat and later in Chu Lai, Vietnam, as Officer in Charge of a detachment of six Swift boats and their crews.

His staff assignments were both afloat on a Battle Group Commanders staff and ashore on a Fleet Commanders staff, a Joint Combatant Commanders staff and in Washington, DC on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Promoted to four star Admiral in 1996, he became the 29th Vice Chief of Naval Operations. As VCNO, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, oversaw the formulation of the Navy's \$70B budget and developed and implemented policies governing the 375,000 people in the Navy.

Assigned in September, 1997 as SACLANT and Commander in Chief, US Joint Forces Command, he became one of NATO's two military commanders and assumed command of all forces of all four Services in the continental United States, was responsible for the provision of ready forces to the other Joint Combatant Commanders overseas and for the development of new joint doctrine, training procedures and joint requirements.

Immediately after retiring in 2000, Gehman was appointed Co-Chairman of the Department of Defense review of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole in Aden harbor, Yemen. On 1 February, 2003 he was appointed Chairman of the Space Shuttle Columbia Accident Investigation Board, which reported its findings to the Nation on 26 August, 2003.

Admiral Gehman is married to the former Janet F. Johnson of Cary, NC and the Gehmans have two grown children, Katherine and Christopher.

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Sam Skinner has had a distinguished career in both the governmental and private sectors. As Of Counsel to the firm, he consults with clients in a variety of areas including strategizing on complex litigation matters, governmental matters, transportation issues and corporate governance.

Mr. Skinner is the retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of USF Corporation, one of the nation's leading transportation and logistics companies. During each year that he served as CEO, the company was recognized by *Fortune* magazine as one of America's most admired companies. He also served from 1993-1998 as President of Commonwealth Edison Company and its holding company Unicom Corporation, one of the country's largest utilities.

Prior to joining Commonwealth Edison, Mr. Skinner served as Chief of Staff to President George H. W. Bush. As Chief of Staff, he coordinated the activities of numerous cabinet departments and administrative agencies reporting to the President. Prior to his White House Service, he served in the President's Cabinet for nearly three years as Secretary of Transportation. In that capacity, he served as Chief Executive Officer of a Department with a budget of over \$30 billion and a workforce of 105,000 people. As Secretary, Mr. Skinner was credited with numerous successes, including the development of the President's National Transportation Policy and the development and passage of landmark aviation and surface transportation legislation. He also developed our country's "Open Skies" policy which liberalized U.S. international aviation policy and significantly increased the number of international flights to and from the U.S. In addition, Mr. Skinner acted as the President's point person in numerous crisis situations, including the 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, the Eastern Airlines strike, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the northern California earthquake, Hurricane Hugo, and the 1991 national rail strike. *Washingtonian* magazine twice gave Mr. Skinner its highest ranking for his performance as Secretary of Transportation and he has also received numerous awards from the transportation industry.

Mr. Skinner has spent more than 20 years in the legal profession. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford appointed him the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, one of the few career prosecutors ever to hold that position. In this position, he managed one of the Department of Justice's largest and most respected field offices. While in the U.S. Attorney's office, Mr. Skinner investigated and successfully litigated various complex financial fraud, official corruption, and civil rights cases, including the trial of United States Circuit Judge Otto Kerner. He also was in private practice at two large Chicago law firms where he held positions of leadership.

While practicing law, Mr. Skinner also served as Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority of northeastern Illinois, the nation's second largest mass transportation district. In this capacity, he developed the RTA's first strategic plan that was used as a blueprint for a multi-billion dollar service expansion and capital development program.

Upon graduation from college, Mr. Skinner held various sales and management positions with the IBM Corporation where he was selected as one of their three Outstanding Salesmen of the Year Nationwide in 1967.

Mr. Skinner is an adjunct Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where he currently teaches a course on leadership.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Director, United States Chamber of Commerce
 - Chairman, Institute for Legal Reform, the nation's leading organization advocating reform of our nation's tort system including changes in class action, medical malpractice and massive tort liability systems
- Member, Board of Directors, APAC Customer Services, Inc.
- Member, Board of Directors, Chicago Board Options Exchange
- Member, Board of Directors, Click Commerce, Inc.
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- Member, Board of Directors, Express Scripts, Inc.
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- Member, Board of Directors, Navigant Consulting, Inc.
- Adjunct Professor and Lecturer, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management
- Former Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School
- Former Adjunct Professor, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy
- Past Distinguished Lecturer and Holder of the Poling Chair, Government and Business, Indiana University Kelley School of Business
- Member, numerous charitable/not-for-profit organizations

Awards & Recognition

- Recipient, numerous honorary degrees
- Recipient, Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award
- Recipient, Boy Scouts of America's Silver Buffalo Award (Scouting's highest award)
- Received student pilot's license in 1957 and today is a jet-certified pilot

Military Background

- Lieutenant and tank platoon leader, United States Army, 1960-1961
- Honors graduate, Armor Officers Basic Course, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1960

Education

- J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 1966
 - *DePaul Law Review*
 - Named Outstanding Alumnus
- B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1960
 - Named Outstanding Alumnus

Admitted to Practice

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JAMES T. HILL
General (Retired), United States Army

General James T. Hill retired from active duty on January 1, 2005 after 36 years of service. He is from El Paso, Texas, and was commissioned into the Infantry following graduation from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1968. A graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National War College, he also holds a Master's degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University.

After completion of the Infantry Officers Basic, Ranger, and Airborne Courses, and an initial assignment at Fort Hood, Texas, General Hill served with the 2-502d Infantry (at that time, part of the "Always First" Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam as a rifle platoon leader, recon platoon leader, company executive officer, and company commander.

General Hill's other key assignments include: Company Commander, 3d Ranger Company, Fort Benning and Commander, Company A, 2d Squadron, 7th Cavalry, Fort Hood; Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Commander, 1-35th Infantry, Schofield Barracks; Staff Officer, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, HQDA; Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff of the Army, and Special Project Officer for the Chief of Staff of the Army. General Hill commanded the "Always First" Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from August 1989 through July 1991, to include service in Southwest Asia during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. General Hill served as Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from August 1991 through October 1992. General Hill then served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs on the Joint Staff from October 1992 to July 1994. In July 1994, he assumed duties as the Assistant Division Commander (Support), 25th Infantry Division (Light) to include service in Haiti as the Deputy Commanding General, Multinational Force and Deputy Commander, United States Forces, Haiti, United Nations Mission, Haiti. He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Forces Command, from June 1995 to June 1997. He became Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division (Light) in June 1997, and served in that position until he was named Commanding General, I Corps and Fort Lewis, in September 1999 where he served until August 2002. General Hill's last assignment was as the Combatant Commander, United States Southern Command from August 2002-November 2004.

General Hill's military decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with Valor device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device and five Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Airborne and Air Assault Badges, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and Army General Staff Identification Badge.

Anthony J. Principi

During his four-year tenure (2001-2005) as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, New York-born Anthony J. Principi directed the federal government's second largest department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's 25-million living veterans and dependents. Commanding a budget in excess of \$60 billion, Mr. Principi led an organization of 230,000 employees in hundreds of VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country.

Mr. Principi is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and first saw active duty aboard the destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy. He later commanded a River Patrol Unit in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. During his service in Southeast Asia, Mr. Principi was awarded the Bronze Star with a V for valor.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Mr. Principi earned his law degree from Seton Hall University in 1975 and was assigned to the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps in San Diego, Calif. In 1980, he was transferred to Washington as a legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy.

From 1984 to 1988, he served as Republican chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, following three years as counsel to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Principi served as Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, VA's second-highest executive position, from March 17, 1989, to September 26, 1992, when he was named Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George Bush. He served in that position until January 1993. Following that appointment, he served as Republican chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. Principi was chairman of the Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance established by Congress in 1996.

Mr. Principi was nominated by President George W. Bush on December 29, 2000, and was confirmed by the Senate on January 23, 2001.

Prior to his nomination as Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Principi was president of QTC Medical Services, Inc. During the past decade, he was senior vice president at Lockheed Martin IMS, and a partner in the San Diego law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

SUE ELLEN TURNER

Brigadier General, USAF, NC (Retired)

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- General Sue Ellen Turner is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Entering the AF in 1965 as a Second Lieutenant, General Turner rose to the top of her profession during a time in history when only two per cent of the general officers were women.
- As Director of the Nurse Corps, she represented nearly 23,000 men and women who provided nursing care on the ground and in the air during times of peace and times of war.
- As Chair, Federal Nursing Chiefs Council, she articulated the interests and concerns of the nearly 100,000 nurses serving in the federal system to professional groups and the U.S. Congress.
- The general is proud to have “turned dirt” at the ground-breaking ceremony for the Vietnam Women’s Memorial in Washington DC.
- General Turner holds the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and many other decorations.
- The general brings over 30 years experience in the professional management of people, programs, and issues. She has consulted with hundreds of individuals and their organizations and has produced and presented lectures, seminars, and conferences at home and abroad.
- She founded *Rhino One Enterprises* in 1995 as a vehicle to assist individuals and corporations to create workplaces that *attract and keep* the very best people, that *compete favorably* in today’s competitive environments, and that *make a difference* in their community.

CURRENT AND RECENT INTERESTS:

- Workplace Consultant: 1995 through 2003
- Member, *American Battle Monuments Commission*; appointed by President G.W. Bush 2001
- Former Chairman, *Texas Veterans Commission*: appointed by Gov G.W. Bush in 1996

- Member, Board of Directors, *San Antonio Federal Credit Union*: 1998-present
Chairman, Governance Committee: 2003-present
Former Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors: 2001-2003
Former Chairman, Human Resources and Training Committee: 2000-2003
Former Chairman, Supervisory Committee: 1997-1998
- Former Chairman, *Nursing Advisory Council* 1996-1998: U of TX Health Science Center in San Antonio

- Current Memberships: *International Women’s Forum*; *San Antonio 100 Military Officers Association of America* (formerly TROA)

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CAPABILITIES:

- Consummate team player *firmly based in quality, sound leadership, and common sense.*
- Visionary planner with a *focused, strategic approach to both the "now" and the "future".*
- Proven expertise *pinpointing and capitalizing on opportunities and motivating others to sign up.*
- *Excellent judge of people*; willing to let people spread their wings and back them up as needed.
- Customizes expertise to address unique needs; *offers a range of interventions* to choose from.
- Offers strategies to *build early employee buy-in as a foundation to creating a culture of excellence.*
- Acknowledged *expert in creating public presentations, meeting the press, publishing newsletters, producing videos, and orchestrating world class conferences.*
- Unwavering belief that *while one's work is serious business, it must be fun and must yield professional joy for individuals to go that extra mile* required for organizational survival.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Over 30 years dedicated to the *professional management of people, programs, and issues.*
- Consulted with hundreds of individuals and their organizations to *improve business practices.*
- Planned, implemented and evaluated *best business practices* to achieve and sustain desired outcomes, observable teamwork, and excellent customer satisfaction.
- Prepared, produced, and presented *lectures, seminars, conferences, and 1:1 sessions* for top executives, middle managers, and novices across the United States and in 12 foreign countries.
- Prime mover in *successful downsizing and rightsizing* the equivalent of a Fortune 500 company.
- Leads consulting group specializing in helping business and professional people learn and practice *sensible survival skills* that make a difference to businesses, their people, and their public.

WORK HISTORY: USAF Officer from 1965-1995; retired 1 May 95 as Brigadier General.

The diversity of General Turner's expertise is drawn from experiences such as these:

- *Director, USAF Nursing Services/ Consultant to USAF Surgeon General*, Washington, DC: 1992-95
- *Military Rep, Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)*: 1992-95
- *Chief Nurse Executive, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center*, San Antonio TX: 1990-91
- *Command Nurse, USAFE, Ramstein, GE*; readiness mission, contingency hospitals: 1988-90
- *Health Care Facility Inspector*, USAF Inspection Team, San Bernadino, CA: 1987-88
- *Course Supervisor, USAF School of Health Care Sciences*, Sheppard AFB, TX: 1976-79
- *20 Casualty Staging Flight - Japan*: 1st stop from Viet Nam for C-141's, C-130's; a 250-bed flight-line facility; in-transit critical care for wounded patients en route to USA: 1967-69

EDUCATION:

- 1965: Presbyterian- St Luke's Hospital School Of Nursing, Chicago IL *RN*
- 1973: Incarnate Word College, San Antonio TX *BS in Nursing*
- 1978: University Of Oklahoma 30 graduate hours towards *MA in Educational Psychology*
- 1981: University Of Alabama in Birmingham, Birmingham AL *MS in Nursing Administration*

OTHER:

- **Featured Speaker** at national healthcare organization conferences on *Executive Survival Skills*
- **1:1 Consultation and Training**: leadership mindset, skills, and techniques; setting strategic direction

Bio - Sue Ellen Turner, Brigadier General, USAF, NC

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The general was born June 8, 1942 in Chicago IL. She is retired and happily resides on the edge of the beautiful Texas hill country.

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A panel of retired military leaders and politicians, including a Norfolk native who became one of the Navy's top admirals, was selected Tuesday by President Bush to decide the fate of dozens of military bases.

The panel:

Anthony J. Principi

Personal: 60. Born in New York ; now lives in the Washington, D.C., area. 1967 U.S. Naval Academy graduate.



Nominated by: President Bush.

Career: Secretary of veterans affairs during Bush's first term. He started work Monday as vice president for government relations at Pfizer Inc.

Principi commanded a river patrol unit in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War and came home to attend law school at Seton Hall University. He did tours of duty in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in San Diego and as legislative counsel to the Navy Department.

Principi has considerable experience with military bureaucracy and efforts to combine and upgrade facilities. At the Department of Veterans Affairs, he presided over the federal government's second-largest agency – the Defense Department is No. 1 – and led a \$1 billion per year effort to replace aging hospitals and clinics.

Principi also should know the ins and outs of dealing with members of Congress. Before going to the VA, he served as staff director to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

James H. Bilbray

Personal: 66, of Las Vegas. Graduate of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the Washington College of Law at American University.



Recommended by: Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Career: A lawyer in Las Vegas, Bilbray is a Democrat who represented Southern Nevada in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1995.

Bilbray served on both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, posts that should have given him a good view of base closing rounds in 1988, 1991 and 1993.

Two major military installations in his state, Nellis Air Force Base and Fallon Naval Air Station, are well-known desert training ranges. He served in the Army and the Nevada National Guard from 1957 to 1963.

Philip E. Coyle

Personal: lives in Los Angeles; holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Dartmouth College.

Recommended by: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Career: senior adviser at the Center for Defense Information, a Washington-based think tank that advocates cuts in defense spending. He was an engineer and career civil servant who was running the Defense Department's weapons testing office when he retired from government service in 2001.

He also spent more than 30 years at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory near Oakland, the nation's nuclear weapons safety center.

Coyle came to the Pentagon in 1994 to serve as director of operational testing and evaluation.

He was responsible for overseeing testing – independent of the military – of new aircraft, ships and other weapons systems.



Harold W. Gehman Jr.

Personal: 62, Norfolk native who retired to Virginia Beach. Attended Norfolk Catholic High School and is a 1965 Pennsylvania State University graduate.

Recommended by: Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Career: He commanded the guided missile destroyer Dahlgren, the salvage ship Conserver, cruiser Belknap, and Cruiser/Destroyer Group 8.

In 1997, he became the first commander of the U.S. Joint Forces Command and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic; he left the service in 2000 as a four-star admiral.

Gehman also co-chaired an investigation of the terrorist bombing of the destroyer Cole in October 2000. And in 2003, he led a difficult but widely praised commission that investigated the explosion that destroyed the space shuttle Columbia.



James V. Hansen

Personal: 72, of Salt Lake City. University of Utah graduate.

Recommended by: House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert.

Career: former Utah congressman and Navy veteran who lost a bid for governor of Utah last year.

A Republican, Hansen represented Utah's 1st District – basically the western half of the state – for 22 years before retiring from the House in 2002.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Hansen was among the most vocal supporters of defense spending increases through the 1990s, as former Presidents Bush and Clinton downsized the military in the aftermath of the Cold War.



Hansen also was chairman of the Congressional Depot Caucus, which represents districts where the military has major ship, airplane and vehicle repair facilities.

James T. Hill

Personal: 58, formerly of El Paso, Texas, graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio.

Nominated by: President Bush.

Career: A retired Army general with 36 years of service, he previously commanded the U.S. Southern Command and is a Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran.

He also served in the Pentagon and with the United Nations in Haiti.

As head of the Southern Command, he oversaw the military activities of 32 nations and 12 dependencies, from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Colombia, where he worked to strengthen Colombia's military and counter-drug operations.



Claude Milton "Mick" Kicklighter

Personal: 71, native of Glennville, Ga.; graduate of Mercer University and George Washington University.

Nominated by: President Bush.

Career: A retired Army lieutenant general, he was appointed late last year as the State Department's special adviser for stabilization and security operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Served as transition chief for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad.

He also served as chief of staff for the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he established a new Office of Operations, Security and Preparedness.



Samuel Knox Skinner

Personal: 66, a Chicago native and graduate of the University of Illinois.

Recommended by: House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert.

Career: lobbyist in Washington for the law firm of Greenberg Traurig. Former U.S. attorney who served as chief of staff and secretary of transportation to former President Bush.

Skinner was dubbed "Sam the Hammer" by a criminal defendant when he was a U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. He left government in 1993 and went home to Chicago to become president of electric utility Commonwealth Edison and its corporate parent, Unicom. More recently, he's been chairman and chief executive of USF Corp., a trucking firm.



Sue Ellen Turner



Personal: Chicago native; graduate of Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing; bachelor's degree from Incarnate Word College; master's from University of Alabama.

Nominated by: President Bush.

Career: A 30-year veteran of the Air Force, she retired in 1995 as a brigadier general and director of nursing services for the Air Force surgeon general.

She has since served on the board of directors of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union and is a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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