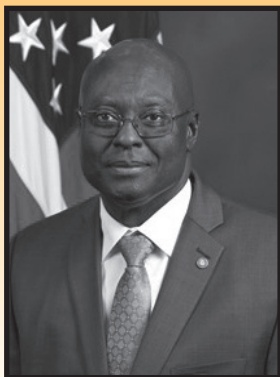




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Mr. Beresford F. Edwards is president of the Virgin Islands National Guard Association and Chair Emeritus of the Virgin Islands Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Mr. Edwards is married to Dorothy E. Edwards. He is the father of Maria and Khalid Edwards and the stepfather of Alex and Anthony Wattlely.

EDUCATION

Mr. Edwards holds an Associate of Arts Degree from the University of the Virgin Islands (1996) and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Charter Oak State College in Connecticut (2001). He also completed a Paralegal Certificate Program at the University of the Virgin Islands.

MILITARY SERVICE

In 1975, Mr. Edwards enlisted in the US Army where he served for four years. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. His permanent duty stations include Fort Ord, California, Camp Hovey, Korea, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. Upon completion of active service, Mr. Edwards enlisted in the Virgin Islands National Guard where he served for over 32 years. In 2009, Mr. Edwards deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he served as the Deputy Director of the Commissions Support Group.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Active Life Member, National Guard Association of the United States; Life Member, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States of America; Life Member, Military Officer Association of America; Member, Legion de Lafayette. Mr. Edwards is the Assistant Ombudsman Director for the Virgin Islands Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He is the president of the board of directors for the Apostolic Faith Mission of St. Croix, Inc.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

His awards include the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and M. Device), the Army Service Ribbon, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Expert Infantry Badge. Additional awards include the Virgin Islands Meritorious Service Medal, the Virgin Islands Emergency Service Medal (with Numeral 3), and the Patrick Henry Award.

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