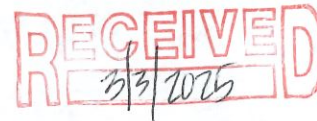


**Talent Bank Application**

**Town of Swansboro**

**(Vacant Commissioner Position)**



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**Current Job Title:** Retired

**Education Completed:**

BS, U.S. Naval Academy (1980)

JD, Delaware School of Law, Widener University (1987)

LLM (Criminal Law), The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army (TJAGSA)  
(1994)

MS (National Security Studies), U.S. Naval War College (2002)

**Current or Prior Civic or Community Volunteer Involvement:**

Chair, Swansboro Planning Board

Chair, Swansboro Board of Adjustment

Vestry Senior Warden, St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church, Swansboro

**Relevant Skills, Education, Background:**

U.S. Marine Corps Officer 1980-2009

Combat Engineer Officer: (Platoon Commander, Detachment Commander;  
Company Executive Officer)

Judge Advocate: (Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, HQMC Staff Attorney, Staff  
Judge Advocate (3d Marine Division & 2d Marine Aircraft Wing), Professor of  
Criminal Law and Procedure (TJAGSA), Circuit Military Judge (Eastern Judicial  
Circuit, Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary), Chief Judge (U.S. Military  
Commissions Trial Judiciary)

Associate Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of the Navy (DON)  
2009-2022

Represented DON regarding Federal Employment Law matters (i.e. Employee Performance and Misconduct Actions, Regulatory Compliance, Equal Employment Opportunity and Discrimination. Union Grievances and Arbitration)

**Why I am interested in serving in the vacant commissioner position:**

My family and I have lived in and around the Swansboro area since 1998. We settled in Swansboro upon my retirement from active duty in the Marine Corps in 2009. I care deeply about the near- and long-term future of Swansboro. I believe I can help facilitate the work of the Board of Commissioners in studying and addressing the current challenges and future interests of our community.