



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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# Press Release

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## Texas Veterans Commission Gets New Commissioners

Austin – The Texas Veteran Commission announced today the appointment of a new chair of the Commission and two new commissioners. The new chair, Commissioner T.P O'Mahoney, has served on the Commission since May 2007, most recently in the role of vice-chair. James H. Scott and Richard McLeon join the Commission after exemplary service in the U.S. military and industry.

Commissioner O'Mahoney has contributed significantly on veterans' issues at both national and state levels. He served as the Chairman of the President's National Hire Veterans Committee as well as the Commissioner Representing Labor for the Texas Workforce Commission. His emphasis on veteran's issues led to more than 98,000 veterans entering employment in Texas in program year 2002.

Commissioner O'Mahoney holds a bachelor of science in management from New York Tech, Old Westbury, New York. Designated a Naval Aviator and Commissioned in the United States Marine Corps, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Major. He then joined Delta Airlines and completed 32 years of service.

Richard McLeon lives in Victoria, Texas and has worked in all areas of management, administration and finance in the non-profit electric cooperative industry for over 17 years holding the positions of Assistant General Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

Commissioner McLeon enlisted in 1983 and served in the US Army and Army Reserves receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1996 as a Staff Sergeant. He served in Operation Desert Storm with the 327<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Chemical Companies, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry (M), XVIII Airborne Corps as a Decontamination Squad Leader and Chemical Reconnaissance NCOIC. He has a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas and an MBA from Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas.

James H. Scott retired from the U.S. Air Force in January 1996 with 35 years of military service. At the time of his retirement he was the Commander of the Defense Commissary Agency Midwest Region at Kelly AFB in Texas. He was responsible for 45 DOD

Commissary Stores geographically located from Minot AFB, North Dakota to the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, TX.

From 1972 to 1995, Commissioner Scott held numerous key staff and command assignments both overseas and within the United States:

- Director-Cadet Store Division-USAF Academy, Colorado
- Command Services Officer-HQs Military Airlift Command- Scott AFB, Illinois
- Commander-Services Squadron-Lackland AFB, Texas
- Inspector General-HQs-Air Force Commissary Service-Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas
- Commander-HQs-Air Force Commissary Service Pacific-Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Commissioner Scott joined USAA's Executive Management Group in 1996 going on to become Vice President and Chief of Corporate Procurement. He retired from USAA in 2001.

He received a Bachelor of Science (Business Administration) and MBA from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission visit [www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us).

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