

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Biographies of JASC Public Members

Nelson N. Angapak, Sr. – Appointed 2017

Recommended by the Alaska Federation of Natives and Alaska Municipal League

Nelson N. Angapak, Sr., brings four decades of experience in public policy, advocacy, management of profit and non-profit organizations, political consultation, collaboration and communications. Mr. Angapak has lobbied Congress and worked with the leadership of both the Republicans and the Democrats in advocating on the hunting and fishing rights of Alaska Natives, the protection of their properties and other interests. He has lobbied Congress for the passage of legislation that would authorize Native Allotments for the Alaska Native Veterans of the Vietnam War Era for more three decades.



He has advocated for improved delivery of the healthcare and other benefits earned by Alaska Native and other Minority veterans living in rural Alaska and rural America. He was appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs in 2000 to the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans (ACMV) established by Congress, on which he served for 6 years. ACMV serves as an advocate for Minority veterans living in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands.

Mr. Angapak developed and maintained an excellent working relationship with the federal agencies who have jurisdiction over American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians while he was with Calista Corporation, a regional corporation for the Alaska Natives of Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). Mr. Angapak has collaborated with National Congress of American Indians and other national organizations on common federal interests such as Indian Reservation Roads, the cost of energy, and broadband deployment in rural areas of the nation and state.

Mr. Angapak has served on number of organizations and boards and he was elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AFN (1979-1981); Chairman of the Board of Calista Corporation (1976-1980); and co-chair of the Alaska Land Managers Forum (1999-2008).

Mr. Angapak served in active duty in the U. S. Army from 1969 to 1971 and was honorably discharged from active duty in 1971.

Angapak holds a Master's Degree from Antioch College specializing in land and natural resources management and a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Ft. Lewis College. He has a Degree in Theology from Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

Mr. Angapak retired from AFN as a Senior Vice President in 2013.

Brigadier General (Ret.) Julio (Randy) Bañez – Appointed 2017 Recommended by Adjutant General of Alaska National Guard

As Deputy Director for DLA Energy Alaska located at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER), Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, BG Randy Bañez manages and directs the wholesale supply program activities which involve the acquisition, allocation and distribution of bulk aviation fuel and packaged additives to military and federal customers within Alaska. Additionally, he maintains peacetime operating stocks and bulk petroleum war reserve levels at each Defense Fuel Support Point in the Alaskan region and oversees all operations for DLA Energy Alaska. Prior to serving as the Deputy Director he served as the Supply Manager from June 1998 - July 2001 when the position was merged and upgraded to the Deputy Director. Randy has been with DLA Energy since December 1994.



BG Bañez was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery with the Texas National Guard following his graduation from New Mexico Military Institute in 1981. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from the University of Texas at El Paso Randy entered active duty.

While on active duty he was as a Field Artillery Officer and later was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps as a Petroleum Logistics Officer. BG Bañez has been deployed to Incirlik, Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort at in 1991, Manama, Bahrain for Operation Restore Hope in 1993 and to Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006. BG Bañez departed active duty and joined the Alaska Army National Guard in 1994 and commanded from company to Brigade level which included the 297th Support Battalion, the 207th Infantry Group (Scouts) and the Alaska Army National Guard. After a military career that spanned more than thirty years of service, he retired in 2012.

BG Randy Bañez earned a Masters of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and a Masters of Science in Business of Organizational Management, from University of La Verne.

BG Bañez has a wife of 30 years, Dina, and three sons: Andrew (21 years), Brandon (19 years), and Matthew (19 years). They reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Jerry Beasley, Chief Warrant Officer, USCG (Ret.) – Appointed 2016
Recommended by Seventeenth Coast Guard District Auxiliary**



Place of Birth:
Richmond, Virginia

Occupation:
CWO2 Retired Coast Guard – 23.6 Years
Civil Service with the US Coast Guard -
1997 – Present

Length of Residency in Alaska: 35 Years

Alaska Communities Lived in:
Kodiak- 27 Years, 1981 – 2006
Juneau - 9 Years, 2007 – Present

Education: High School Graduate

Service Organizations:
Life Member VFW Post 7052 Kodiak
Past Exalted Ruler BPOE 1772 Kodiak
Past President Lions Club Kodiak

**Military Out CONUS
Units Stationed:**
Kwajalein, Marshal
Islands Pacific
YAP, Micronesia Island
Pacific
Kargaburun, Turkey
Kodiak, AK
Juneau, AK

Military Awards (1971-1995)
23 Awards (Confirmed on DD-214)
-Coast Guard Medal
-Southwest Asia w/bronze star
-Commandants Letter of Commendation
-National Dense w/bronze star
-Humanitarian Medal w/bronze star
-CG Special Operations Service Ribbon
-DOT Gold Medal for Outstanding
Achievement
-CG Bicentennial Unit Commendation
-Restricted Duty w/3 bronze stars
-Good Conduct w/silver star
CG Meritorious Unit w/ gold star
CG Unit Commendation

U.S. Coast Guard Duties

Mr. Beasley's specialty was Electronics Technician, in which he maintained marine electronics on small boats and VHF-FM communications for the base vehicles. When stationed at LORAN stations, he maintained the navigational transmitting equipment as well as base communications.

Mr. Beasley participated in the 1980 Cuban Boat lift providing electronics maintenance support to Coast Guard assets.

Mr. Beasley served tours in Kargaburun Turkey, including Operation Desert Storm 1991-1992 and retired in 1995 with 23 years of active duty.

Mr. Beasley was hired in 1997 as the IT manager for ESU Kodiak, which provided computer support for the Alaska AOR, and currently has 19 years of service in this position. He is currently the Information Systems Security Officer and IT manager.

Colonel (Ret.) Tim Jones – Appointed 2017
Recommended by the Fairbanks North Star Borough

Timothy A. Jones serves as Vice President of Administration for Doyon Utilities, LLC, a position he has held since November 2011. He came to Doyon Utilities after serving over 27 years with the U.S. Army, retiring as a Colonel.

Throughout his Army career, he served in a variety of assignments in both conventional and special operations forces, including combat commands in Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan. His last assignment was as commander of the garrison at Fort Wainwright, AK.



He is a 1984 graduate of the United States Military Academy and a 2007 graduate of the Army War College. He holds post-graduate degrees in Public Administration and National Strategy.

COL (Ret.) Jones and his wife Theresa reside in Fairbanks. He remains active in the Fairbanks community as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and as a board member with the Golden Heart Community Foundation and Boy Scouts of America Midnight Sun Council.

Colonel (Ret.) George Vakalis – Appointed 2015
Recommended by the Municipality of Anchorage

COL (Ret.) Vakalis grew up in Berwick, Maine, and joined the Army in August 1966 as an enlisted soldier. After attending Infantry Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in July 1967, with many tours that included the Republic of South Vietnam, Germany, and Ft. Richardson, Alaska. His 28-year Army career culminated as a Colonel with assignment as the Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska, where he was in charge of the three Army posts in Alaska and all aspects of their operations.



COL (Ret.) Vakalis served as the Operations Manager for the Municipality of Anchorage from July 1994 through June 1998 and was responsible for the executive management of six municipal operating departments and five municipal utilities. From July 1998, to July 2000, COL Vakalis served as the Municipal Manager for the City of Anchorage, Alaska. Among his many duties, COL Vakalis was responsible for the Municipality's emergency preparedness capabilities, overseeing drills and the facilities and services that would assist the community's 260,000 citizens in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

In July 2000, COL Vakalis assumed the duties of Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Anchorage School District. On July 13, 2009, he was appointed as the Municipal Manager of Anchorage and remained in that position until his retirement in July 2015. That August, he founded Vakalis & Associates, LLC, a management consulting business that specializes in organization design, emergency management and preparedness and project management oversight for business, non-profits and governmental entities.

He served two terms as Chairman of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and has been a board member since 1991.

Among dozens of committee and organizational memberships, COL Vakalis has chaired the Military Committee for the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce since 1993. He is a member of the State Emergency Response Commission and a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. COL Vakalis has served as president of the Northeast Community Council, and has served on the boards of the Armed Services YMCA and the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, The United Way of Anchorage, Senator Ted Stevens' task force on Housing for Military Members in Alaska, and the Governor's Task Force on Elementary/Secondary Schools on Government Installations. In addition, he is a member of the Association of the United States Army and the Anchorage Rotary.

COL. Vakalis is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and holds Masters Degrees in Personnel Management, and Public Administration from Central Michigan University. He is a 1992 Inductee in the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer School Hall of Fame.

Charles "Chick" Wallace – Appointed 2017 **Recommended by the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps**

Chick Wallace was born and raised in Granbury, Texas, located about 35 miles SW of Ft. Worth. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Animal Husbandry. He came to Alaska in 1972 to work for the University of Alaska Fairbanks as the Superintendent of Custodial Services and coached local youth hockey. In 1989, he entered the real estate profession.

A resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, for 44 years, Chick is a realtor with the acclaimed Wes Madden Real Estate. He was named Affiliate Realtor of the year in 1995, President of the Board of Realtors in 1997 and Realtor of the Year in 2007.



Chick serves as the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army as a liaison between the Department and the community of Fairbanks, home to Ft. Wainwright since it took over Ladd Field after World War II.

Chick currently serves on the following boards and committees:

- 11th Air Force Civilian Advisory Board
- Salvation Army Advisory Board
- Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
- Joint Armed Services Committee in the Alaska State Legislature

Chick previously served on the following:

- Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
- Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board
- President and Board Member of Alaska Center for Children and Adults
- Fairbanks Counseling Center

He and his wife of nearly 60 years, Carolyne, are the proud parents of five and grandparents of eight. One grandchild is active duty with the U.S. Army, another a freshman at West Point, and another recently awarded a military scholarship to attend medical school.
