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New Executive Director for *Veterans Across America*



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Veterans Across America (VAA) (www.veteransacrossamerica.org) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Stephen White to the position of Executive Director. Mr. Stephen White will begin his role effective immediately.

Wesley Poriotis who founded VAA in 1996 at the personal request of President Clinton is honored to pass the leadership reins to Mr. Stephen White. Mr. Poriotis said, "I can think of no more qualified person in America to run VAA than Stephen because of his business acumen and passion for our troops. I'm confident that Stephen will transform VAA, expand its mission and meet the mandates of its sponsors inclusive of The Robin Hood Foundation which awarded VAA an unprecedented grant targeted for the impoverished and homeless veteran community."

Mr. White, a decorated Army Vietnam Veteran, has been involved with Veterans initiatives for over 20 years and served on the first Veterans Task Force for Entrepreneurship, testified and helped pass HR 106-50 which supports veteran entrepreneurship and federal procurement goals, founded the Veterans Business Network (www.veteransbusinessnetwork.com), started the Entrepreneurship program for the NY Veterans Leadership Program and currently serves on the SBA's Advisory Board for Veterans Business Affairs.

Most recently, Stephen was managing White & Company (www.whiteandcompany.com) which produces marketing programs and materials targeting small veteran owned business. He is soon to release a publication called Basics for Veterans which will assist transitioning troops and veterans to start or restart their business or to find employment. As Mr. White takes the helm of *Veterans Across America*, he is well positioned to further VAA's mission to enhance the economic well-being of veterans and their family caregivers, while providing a national protocol of best practices for hiring and retaining veterans. Mr. White said, "I am proud to join VAA and fulfill its mission while continuing to afford opportunities for the over three million veteran owned businesses in America."

Veterans Across America (VAA) is a 501.c.3 organization dedicated to enhancing the economic well-being of veterans and family caregivers through its Champion Mentoring and Military Sourcing programs to complement company talent acquisition and retention strategies with that of the military/veteran cohort.