

William Austin Chatfield

Selective Service System

Director

William A. Chatfield became the 11th Director of Selective Service on November 29, 2004, having been nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He is directly responsible to the President for the management of the Selective Service System.



Mr. Chatfield, of Texas, brings to this position more than 30 years of experience working with the executive and legislative branches of the Federal government.

He commenced public service with the Doorkeeper of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1978 through 1979, and performed in several appointed positions of increasing responsibility from 1980 through 1987 in the Reagan Administration. He served on the staff of the Deputy Undersecretary for Policy at the Department of Defense; as a Regional Director of the Civil Aeronautics Board; Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Personnel Management; Assistant to the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; Special Assistant for Congressional Liaison in the Department of Interior; and, Staff Advisor to the Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

From 1987 until his appointment with the Selective Service, he was engaged in governmental affairs consulting. In 1989, he and former Congressman Tom Kindness established Kindness & Chatfield Associates, a government relations and public affairs consulting firm.

Director Chatfield attended Union College, majoring in political science and criminal justice, and continued studies at American University. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, with 35 years of active duty and reserve service.