

CHARLES W. HENLEY

Director of External Affairs For Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

As DPMO's Director for External Affairs, Chuck is responsible for constituent communications regarding the Department of Defense's worldwide commitment to obtaining the fullest possible accounting for America's missing service members lost while serving in harm's way. Additionally, he has responsibility, in accordance with law, Executive Order, and the Freedom of Information Act, to declassify and publically release POW/MIA-related documentation.

Since joining the accounting mission in November 1992 while still on active duty with the U.S. Army, his efforts have been dedicated to working directly with and being responsive to the major constituencies associated with the personnel accounting mission. These constituencies include the POW-MIA families; concerned citizens; veterans and veterans service organizations; the U.S. Congress; and foreign governments.



A career combat arms Army officer and a Senior Army Aviator, he retired from active duty in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his Army career, he served in and commanded Armor, Armored Cavalry, and Air Cavalry units, both in stateside and overseas commands that included the First Infantry Division; the 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile/Air Assault); and the 3rd Armored Division. He also served in various staff officer positions in tactical line units and on the Office of the Secretary of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staffs in the Pentagon.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Armor Officers Basic and Advance Courses; U.S. Army Commissioned Officer Rotary Wing Aviation Course; U.S. Army Infantry Officers Advance Course; Armed Forces Staff College; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and the Army Comptroller Program.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and a Master of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas, and a Master of Science in Systems Technology from the University of Southern California.