

Robert Wilkie confirmed as head of Veterans Affairs



Biography

Current position: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

Assumed position: November 30, 2017

Date of birth: August 6, 1962

Home: Arlington, Virginia

Education: B.A., Wake Forest University; J.D. Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, 1988; M.L, Georgetown University, 1992; M.A, United States Army War College

Family: Married (Julie), 2 children

Religion: Anglican

Professional Experience

- Wilkie served both Robert Gates and Donald Rumsfeld as Assistant Secretary of Defense from 2005 to 2009; at the time he was the youngest senior leader in the department
- He has extensive experience in Congress as well, as Senior Advisor to Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)
- Wilkie served as Vice President for Strategic Programs for CH2M HILL, one of the world's largest engineering and program management firms, for five years
- He was Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and a senior director of the National Security Council under Dr. Condoleezza Rice

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He's got a lot of strengths in areas we need them right now and he's a proven entity so I think he will be good.”

– Senate VA Chairman Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
on the nomination of Robert Wilkie