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# Biography

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**Education:** B. S. in Biology with University of Pittsburgh, and  
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**Member Since:** 2013

## **Recognitions & Honors:**

Gary is the Executive Director of Utah's Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and an advisor to the Governor for military and veterans' issues; as such he is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. The primary duties of the department include coordination with state agencies, departments and organizations in order to ensure the delivery of services are responsive, well planned and effectively implemented. Gary is a retired Army Colonel who spent 25 years on active duty, leaving service in October 2005. He served in command and staff positions from platoon to division to joint command throughout the United States and in Germany. Gary's final assignment was as Commander, U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground. Gary previously served at U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia, where he oversaw military support to civil authorities. Gary commanded the 84th Chemical Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Gary is a member of the American Legion, the Utah Defense Alliance and the Military Installation Development Authority. He received the Governor's Medal for Science and Technology in 2012 for his work to grow the advanced composites industry in Utah.

**Branch of Service:** Retired Colonel / Commander U. S. Army

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