



Biography

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Brigadier General Mike Hayes USMC (Ret.), a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, completed 33 years of commissioned service in the Marine Corps in April 1999. Since August 1999, he has been serving as the first Managing Director of the Office of Military and Federal Affairs for the State of Maryland. He is responsible for helping ensure federal facility vitality and improving access by Maryland businesses for technology commercialization and partnering. He and his staff work with community, academic and elected officials in the development of regional growth programs as well as in the transition of closed federal facilities. They have been designated by the Maryland legislature as the coordinating agent for the implementation issues associated with the 2005 BRAC recommendations. Through time, an anticipated 40,000 to 60,000 new jobs are anticipated.

During his Marine Corps career, BGen Hayes, an artillery officer, commanded three organizations during two tours in Vietnam. He also commanded Marine units in Quantico, Virginia; Parris Island, South Carolina; Okinawa, Japan; Camp Pendleton, California; and Panama. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, served as the Chief of Staff of the II Marine Expeditionary Force, and as coordinator of both the Marine Corps Force Structure Development and Roles and Missions offices. As a General Officer he commanded Marine Corps facilities in Okinawa and served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Facilities & Services, Headquarters Marine Corps.

BGen Hayes' military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars with Combat "V", Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, four Presidential Unit Citations, two Navy Unit Commendations and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In July 2007 BGen Hayes was named one of two national Public Officials of the Year by the Association of Defense Communities.

BGen Hayes has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and is a graduate of both the Navy and National War Colleges. He is married to the former Barbara Paterson of Milwaukee. They have two adult children and two grandsons.