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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

MAR - 1 2019

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 703 of the Office of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 49-1002), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

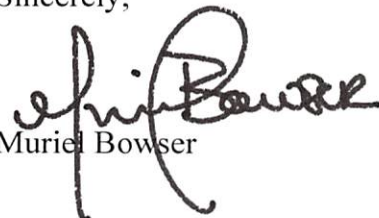
Mr. Elliot J. Tommingo  
1345 S. Capitol St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20003  
(Ward 6)

for appointment as Director of the Office on Veteran's Affairs of the District of Columbia, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Mr. Tommingo and a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the appointment of Elliot J. Tommingo as the Director of the Office of Veterans  
Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
resolution may be cited as the "Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs Elliot J. Tommingo  
Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

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as the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, established by section 703 of the Office of  
Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C.  
Official Code § 49-1002), in accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978,  
effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), to serve at the  
pleasure of the Mayor.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Elliot J. Tommingo

## OBJECTIVE

U.S. Marine Corps officer with 14 years of leadership experience, D.C. community affairs outreach, budget management and legislative work, seeking the position of Director, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs.

## EDUCATION AND SECURITY CLEARANCE

Secret	Department of Defense	Expires 2021
M.S.A. Public Administration	Central Michigan University	Fall 2019
B.A. Political Science	Iowa State University	Ames, IA 2008
A.A.S. Music Business	McNally-Smith College of Music	St Paul, MN 2003

## TECHNICAL AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE SKILLS

- Microsoft Office: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio and Outlook
- Intranet Quorum, Congressional Research Service systems, Security + CompTIA
- SmartSheets, GovDelivery, Salesforce

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**DC Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs**, Washington, DC  
*Interim Director, Outreach Specialist and Public Information Officer* May 2017-Present

- Served as Director when required, managing three MOVA employees and four interns.
- Developed a paperless MOVA intake system that ensured all reports and administrative tasks were completed for the MOVA Director and MOCA leadership.
- Assisted the MOVA Director in drafting six pieces of DC veteran legislation, MOVA's FY18 Performance Review testimony and MOVA's FY18 Budget Review testimony.
- Developed and maintained 75 working partnerships with Veteran Service Orgs, Non-Profits, District Agencies and Federal Agencies that resulted in 165 single or recurring events.
- As MOVA's Public Information Officer, conducted daily social media updates on three platforms, grew a DC veteran newsletter subscription from 750 to 9,500 and coordinated 17 MOVA press stories via television, print and web.
- Developed MOVA's District Veteran Service Officer and DC Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation programs, providing \$5.7M in Federal VA claims and benefits compensation for 843 DC veteran residents and their families.
- Served as Program Manager for the VetsRide Transport Program, providing 374 DC veterans 5,900+ free taxi rides to medical appointments, training and employment interviews.
- Served as the MOVA planning representative for DCHiresVets 2017 and 2018 in coordination with DCHR and the DC National Guard. 954 DC Veterans and spouses attended, 225 interviews were conducted on site by 150 commercial and government vendors.
- Coordinated the MOVA's Woman Veteran License Plate development and unveiling with the Mayor's Office of Women Policy and Initiatives, DC DMV and 18 DC women veterans.

**Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 (Reserves)**, Fort Dix, New Jersey  
*Major, Detachment Commander, Communications Officer* Oct 2016-June 2018

- Planning, installing and maintaining air to ground communications for the 700 Marines and 60 aircraft of Marine Air Group 49.
- Leading and mentoring the 250 Marines of MWSS-472/MAG 49 communications detachment.

## **Elliot J. Tommingo**

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### **D.C. Office of Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-06), Washington, DC**

*Staff*

*Oct 2016-Feb 2017*

- Front of house office duties with proficiency in Congressional applications (IQ).
- Researching National Defense-NDAA and Veteran Affairs issues for the Legislative Director and respective legislative assistants.
- Drafting legislative correspondence letters in response to Veteran constituent concerns.

### **Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Pentagon-Wash DC / Quantico, VA**

*Capabilities Integration Officer (Requirements and Budget Manager)*

*May 2013-Aug 2016*

- Managing the requirements and budgets for all Marine Corps command and control software programs, totaling \$350M across the Future Years Defense Plan five year POM cycle.
- Preparing joint capability integration documents and Congressional testimony information for Marine Corps command and control software programs.
- Assisting USMC Office of Legislative Affairs with National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) amendment questions and draft responses.

### **Marine Air Support Squadron 2, MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan**

*Squadron Communications Officer and Company Executive Officer*

*October 2011-April 2013*

- Supervised the planning, installation, operation and maintenance of communication systems for 18 exercises and operations in four countries supporting 400+ users.
- Lead, trained and mentored the 115 Marines of MASS-2 Communications Company.
- Responsible for \$35 million in communication assets and 120 controlled cryptographic items.
- Ensured my senior Commander's schedule and all briefing materials were prepared in advance of operations and exercises.
- Supervised the medical and performance readiness of 115 Communication Marines.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing G-6, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan**

*Operations Officer and Future Plans*

*May 2011-September 2011*

- Represented 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing communications in numerous operational planning teams for the defense of the Republic of Korea.
- Planned and oversaw the execution of air combat element communications during Enhanced Mojave Viper 8-11 which prepared three squadrons for deployment to Afghanistan.

### **Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan**

*Transmissions Platoon Commander*

*June 2010-April 2011*

- Supervised the planning, installation, operation and maintenance of communication systems for six exercises in three countries supporting 100+ users.
- Lead, trained and mentored the 35 Marines of MWCS-18 Transmission Platoon.
- Responsible for \$9.5 million in communication assets and 65 controlled cryptographic items.
- Planned and supervised relief operations in the Philippines following Super Typhoon Juan.
- Planned and coordinated disaster relief efforts during Operation Tomodachi following the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

### **Echo Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 24<sup>th</sup> Marines, Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, IA**

*0311 Rifleman*

*August 2006-December 2008*

- Rifleman for an infantry company conducting reserve exercises and operations.
- Training in martial arts, marksmanship and Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT).

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Dear Hiring Committee:

Please accept my application for the position of Director, Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs (MOVA). I have served 19 months with MOVA as an Outreach Specialist, Public Information Officer (PIO) and Interim Director. During this time, MOVA's community footprint and newsletter subscription grew from 750 to 9,500 DC veterans, their family members and caregivers. The foundation has been laid for Mayor Muriel Bowser's veterans vision to become a reality in all eight wards.

Before my employment with MOVA, I spent 14 years in the US Marine Corps as an enlisted infantryman and a commissioned communications officer on active duty in Japan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea and the Pentagon. During my tours of duty, I received a B.A. in Political Science from Iowa State University and completed three semesters of graduate school at Central Michigan University-Global Campus, scheduled to graduate in Fall 2019, with an M.S.A. in Public Administration. I returned to the USMC Reserves in September 2016 and currently hold the rank of Major, commanding 250 Marines.

Over the last six years Washington DC has become my home and my time at MOVA has been an amazing and intricate challenge. I have learned the many subtle differences between leading Marines in a combat zone and working in a District Administration. As an Outreach Specialist I fostered 75 partnerships with service organizations and government agencies resulting in 165 single or recurring outreach events. I served as the program manager for MOVA's VetsRide transport initiative that provided 374 veterans 5,900 rides to their required appointments. I worked with the Director to develop and maintain MOVA's District Veteran Service Officer and DC Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation programs, providing \$5.7M in Federal VA claims and benefits compensation to 843 DC residents. As MOVA's PIO, I updated three social media platforms daily, managed newsletter development and coordinated 17 press stories via television, print and web. Finally, I answered for the office when the Director was occupied, managed the MOVA intern program and drafted six DC veteran legislative proposals.

With my experience, I will continue be a strong member of your team. The mentorship I received from Director Ely Ross has provided me the tools and relationships necessary to keep MOVA on its successful path. My strategy for MOVA would reflect those of the Mayor and MOCA leadership, an inclusive pathway to the middle class for our veteran families, ending veteran homelessness, and working to develop a new and accessible DC VA Medical Center. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Elliot J. Tommingo  
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## Elliot J. Tommingo



Elliot J. Tommingo, a major in the US Marine Corps Reserves was nominated by Mayor Bowser as Director of the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs (MOVA) in February 2019. Mr. Tommingo previously served as the MOVA Outreach Specialist and Public Information Officer, where he drove online messaging, event coordination and partnerships.

In 2006, Capt. Tommingo enlisted in the USMC Reserves while attending Iowa State University and was assigned to Echo Co, 2nd Bn, and 24th Marines as a 0311 Rifleman. After his matriculation, LCpl Tommingo was commissioned as a 2ndLt and began active duty service.

After graduating from The Basic School and Communications Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia, 2ndLt Tommingo was stationed throughout US Pacific Command from 2010 – 2013 serving in Japan, Republic of Korea and The Philippines. He supported multiple humanitarian missions and assisted the ROK and Filipino militaries with defensive operations. From 2013 – 2016 Capt. Tommingo was stationed in the National Capital Region with Marine Corps Combat Development Command as a Requirements Officer overseeing the USMC software programs.

Capt. Tommingo left active duty service in July 2016 and returned to the USMC Reserves as the Communications Officer for Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 out of Ft Dix, NJ. In Jan 2019, he was promoted to the rank of Major.

A Ward 6 Resident, Capt. Tommingo, obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Iowa State University.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** February 26, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Elliot Tommingo as Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs

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**This is to Certify that** this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish