

## Richmond News

### Priorities

- a. Protect the citizens of Missouri from Federal encroachment by directing state departments and employees not to cooperate with or participate in enforcing Federal rules that infringe on state and local rights – common core, restrictions on firearms, waters of the United States, etc.
- b. Protect the citizens from overreach by the state and local governments – restrict eminent domain, get rid of civil forfeiture, end predatory 'policing for profit' where a town budget relies on fines.
- c. Approve medical cannabis with few limits on diseases it can be prescribed for, as a step to full decriminalization.

Economic Growth: The best thing government can do is get out of the way. Remove excessive regulations and licensing, and just don't cooperate with new Federal regulations. To help the farmer, bring in industrial hemp, which the area is historically known for (and which will actually help the environment).

Photo ID: We must be assured that elections are honest. Photo ID is required for almost every financial activity, even renting a movie. While ID would limit voter impersonation fraud, we also need to address registration fraud and absentee ballot fraud (which happened in St. Louis in the August primary). We also need to ensure that all electronic voting systems have a paper trail.

Concealed Carry: Yes. We have an inherent right to self defense. There are still limits on where one can carry without a concealed carry license.

Taxes: No pledges. We need to cut the size and intrusiveness of government, then we can lower taxes. A sales tax along the lines of the Fair Tax is preferable, but the competitive situation of the state is a consideration. Income tax punishes productive activity. Note that cannabis legalization would save millions that we now spend to arrest & imprison people who have harmed nobody but themselves.

### Qualifications:

Occupation: USAF Officer, ret (1965-86) , B&B owner (1988-2016)

Education: BS (International Affairs) USAF Academy; MBA (Industrial Management) University of Missouri; BS (Ag-business) Central Missouri State Univ.

Career/experience: 21 years as USAF officer, primarily in contract management. Included base level with up to \$100 million in contracts and DCAS with over \$1 billion. Managed offices with up to 60 staff (military & civilian)

- Ran small business (bed & breakfast) for 28 years. Board member of state (BBIM) and national (PAII) B&B organizations; served as President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair of BBIM.

Community involvement: Member Warrensburg Elks Lodge & American Legion Post. NRA life member, member Western Missouri Shooters Alliance. Member/Treasurer Blind Boone Park Renovation Group. Founder & Secretary/Treasurer of 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry – CSA, inc., a reenacting group. Webmaster for Missouri State Skeet Association. Member of Mid-Missouri Artists. Past Treasurer for Johnson County Extension, Past President Johnson County Historical Society, past Secretary Missouri Civil War Reenactors Assn.