

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 11, 2012

The Honorable John McHugh
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Dear Secretary McHugh:

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Peter Burdett to serve as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for the State of New Hampshire.

With more than twenty years of military service, a strong commitment to New Hampshire's veterans and an active presence in his community, Peter is well-qualified to serve as a Civilian Aide. During active duty, Peter was deployed to the Persian Gulf from August 1990 to May 1991, as a member of Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (COMUSNAVCENT) in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In August of 1993, Peter retired as a U.S. Naval Aviator with over 4,200 hours of helicopter and fixed wing military flight experience.

Since retiring from military service, Peter has been committed to expanding support for veterans and military families in the state of New Hampshire. He has been an active leader in New Hampshire's veterans community for nearly twenty years and is a well-known figure among state and local government officials. Peter has spent the last six years in a leadership position on the New Hampshire State Veteran's Advisory Committee (SVAC), a legislatively created committee that provides guidance to the Governor, Executive Council and the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate) on military and veterans issues.

In addition, Peter has twice served as President of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and is a member of the New Hampshire Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). He also serves on the Board of Directors for Veterans Count Club, an Easter Seals program that assists deployed service members and their families.

Currently, Peter is an Assistant Vice President and Certified Financial Manager at Merrill Lynch's branch in Manchester, New Hampshire. There he advises individuals and businesses on long-term financial planning. Peter and his wife, Susan Connell, live in Bow, New Hampshire and have four children, and four grandchildren.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. I am confident Peter will meet the high standards set for Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army. If I can provide additional information regarding his qualifications for this position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator