

**Brigadier General (BG) Warner I. Sumpter (Ret.)** has served over 50 years in federal, state, county and community positions, in both career and volunteer positions.

**Career Positions:** Most recently, on January 1 2013, BG (Ret.) Warner I. Sumpter retired as the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). In this capacity he was responsible for the safety and security of 4,400 students and over 1,000 faculty and staff at the university, serving as the senior law enforcement official and emergency preparedness coordinator for plans, public education and exercises. BG (Ret.) Sumpter assumed the position as Public Safety Director on January 15, 2008.

Immediately prior to assuming duties as the Director of Public Safety for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, BG (Ret.) Sumpter served as the Transit Director for Shore Transit, a division of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland serving the counties of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset from September 2007 to January 2008.

On February 3, 2004, BG (Ret.) Sumpter was appointed Chief of Police and the Assistant Secretary for Law Enforcement and Security Operations for the Maryland Department of General Services (Maryland Capital Police). In this capacity BG (Ret.) Sumpter oversaw a law enforcement agency of more than 200 personnel, including police officers, security officers, police communication operators and a professional civilian support staff. BG (Ret.) Sumpter was responsible for the safety and security of employees and customers, working and visiting, more than eighty (80) State of Maryland facilities through the deployment of police detachments for State Complexes in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Maryland. BG (Ret.) Sumpter left the Maryland Department of General Services to accept a position as Director of Shore Transit in September 2007.

While serving as the Assistant Secretary for the Maryland Department of General Services, BG (Ret.) Sumpter was recalled to active duty for his final military assignment in 2004, when he was activated for service under Operation Noble Eagle in support of the Global War on Terrorism serving from June 2004 to December 2004 as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Ft. Huachuca Arizona; and Chief of the Military Intelligence Corps. He was responsible for multiple commands and over 17,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to Fort Huachuca. BG Sumpter retired on December 1, 2004, after completing over 30 years of military service.

Prior to assuming the duties as Chief of Police of the Maryland Capitol Police in 2004, BG (Ret.) Sumpter was the Assistant Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Maryland Army National Guard, serving from June 27, 2000 to February 3, 2004. During this time he also served as the Chairman of the

Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Committee (GEMAC) and provided oversight for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

During his tenure as Commanding General of the Maryland Army National Guard he was responsible for readiness and deploy-ability of 6,700 soldiers and tactical equipment. Additional duties under BG Sumpter's management during this time included Maryland Military Department State Operations with oversight of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Military Support to Civil Authorities, Counter-drug/Drug Demand Reduction Programs, Legislative Liaison, Public Affairs, Military Honors Program (Military Burial Program), Community Outreach Programs, and the Maryland Defense Force.

Immediately following the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers in New York and the Pentagon in our National Capital Region, BG (Ret.) Sumpter was imminently involved in the preparation, training and deployment of over 3,000 Maryland Army National Guard soldiers in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom including Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Afghanistan; Iraq; and multiple sites throughout the United States.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter's 23 years of service with the Maryland Army National Guard began August 1981, as a Military Police Officer, he later qualified as a Military Intelligence Officer. During his National Guard career he served as a Military Police Company Commander, in various battalion staff officer assignments, and as an Operations Officer at brigade level.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter, however, began his military career serving in the United States Marine Corps from November 1962 to July 1967. He culminated his service with the Marine Corps serving as Platoon Sergeant and Platoon commander for 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Force Reconnaissance Company assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Divisions in the former Republic of Vietnam.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter's experience also includes over 20 years with the Maryland State Police from July 1968 to January 1989, serving as a Patrol Trooper, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) member and commander, Commander of the Executive Protection Division, Commander of the Aviation Division and Assistant Bureau Chief for the Special Operations Bureau. He retired January 1, 1989 as a Major.

**Education:** He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore (Magna Cum Laud), the University of Louisville -Southern Police Institute (Honor Graduate and Class President), Army Command and General Staff College, the National Defense University - National War College and the Senior Executives Program in National and International Security at Harvard University. He earned a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College of the National Defense University.

**Affiliations:** His civilian and military affiliations include: Military Order of the Purple Heart, United States Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance Association, National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of Maryland, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Fifth Regiment Veterans Corps, 29<sup>th</sup> Division Association, Maryland Military Historical Society – Board of Directors, Somerset County Historical Society, Somerset County Historical Trust, Friends of Teackle Mansion - Board of Directors, Maryland Antique Arms Collectors Association - Board of Directors, National Troopers Coalition, Maryland Troopers Association, Maryland State Police Alumni Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Airborne Law Enforcement Officers Association, Southern Police Institute (University of Louisville) Alumni Association, University of Baltimore Alumni Association and the National War College Alumni Association and is a former Vestry member and Senior Warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Princess Anne, Maryland.

**Civic Service:** Civic involvement included service as a board member and President of his community association, volunteer firefighter and line officer for Earliegh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (Life Member) and a member of Masonic Lodge #106 Princess Anne, Maryland.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter currently serves as Chair of the Maryland Veteran's Home Commission, a gubernatorial appointment for his third term since March 14, 2003, to serve until July 2021.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter was reelected to a third four year term (thru December 2020) as a member of the Somerset County Board of Education. He served as Chairman of the Board of Education for 2011 and 2012, and Chairman again from 2015 to 2018. He also served as the President of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education for 2015-2016. He resigned from the Somerset County Board of Education effective May 15, 2018, to accept an appointment to the Maryland State Board of Education.

BG (Ret.) Sumpter accepted an appointment to the Maryland State Board of Education beginning on May 14, 2018, to serve the remainder of a term of four years from July 1, 2017.

He previously served as Chair of the Historic District Commission for the Town of Princess Anne, Maryland.

**Awards:** Among Brigadier General Sumpter's principle decorations are: the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Navy Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Maryland Distinguished Service Cross Medal (3 awards) and the Maryland Meritorious Service Medal. He is a qualified military scuba diver and parachutist. In addition, BG (Ret.) Sumpter was recognized for his

exemplary service to the State of Maryland by several Governors while serving in the Maryland State Police and the Maryland National Guard.

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