

2016 Veterans Day Benefit Gala

2016 Gala Chairman The Honorable Joe Reeder

Joe R. Reeder's distinguished 45-year legal career began, after serving in the 82d Airborne Division as an airborne ranger artilleryman and then JAGC officer following law school. His private practice representing clients includes countries, international corporations, public figures and law firms.



From 1993-97 he served as the U.S. Army's 14th Under Secretary, essentially the Army's COO, with specific responsibilities for the Army's long range planning, material requirements, readiness, acquisition reform, infrastructure reduction, financial management, and oversight of military support to local, state and federal agencies related to civilian law enforcement, civil disturbance, disaster relief, and emergency planning.

Secretary Reeder also functioned as the Army's focal point for international affairs, with emphasis on NATO, Latin America and Panama, and served 3 years as Chairman of the Panama Canal Commission's Board of Directors where he oversaw a massive, multibillion dollar infrastructure program and helped lay the groundwork for the Canal's impressive success today.

Secretary Reeder also served on the 5-member DOD Base Realignment Closure (BRAC) Council. Since returning to private law practice, he has advised many corporations and nonprofit organizations, including as an active Board member of numerous military charities.