



## **William M. Christian** **Chief of Staff**

As a Presidential appointee, William M. Christian assumed the duties as Selective Service's Chief of Staff on February 4, 2008. As the senior staff officer, Christian serves as the principal advisor to the Director and coordinates activities of various staff sections under the Office of the Director.

In addition to working in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, the native West Texan served on the staffs of U.S. Senators John Tower, Phil Gramm, and U.S. Representative Tom Loeffler. Christian's last assignment on Capitol Hill was Chief of Staff for Congressman John Culberson.



Before named Chief of Staff, Christian served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations in the University of Texas System's Washington, DC, office for five years. Mr. Christian has also served as the Co-Chair of the Coalition for National Security Research, on the Executive Committee of the Council of Government Affairs within the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, on the Executive Committee of The Science Coalition, and on the Council of Federal Relations for the Association of American Universities.

Born in 1963, Christian earned a degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin. Christian, a graduate of the Naval War College, is a Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, where he served the Selective Service System as a Reserve Force Officer assigned to Detachment 7-1. His military awards include the Joint Military Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, United Nations Medal, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

In 2003, Christian returned to his home in Midland, TX, to run for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, in a special election to fill a vacancy created by the early retirement of then-Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock).

In his spare time, Christian serves on the board of trustees of the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, and he is currently the second vice president of the Texas State Society of Washington, DC, the largest organization of its kind in the national capital region. Christian

is also the vice president for leadership in the Texas Lyceum Association, an association of 96 men and women under the age of 46 whose purposes are—among other things—to identify and develop the next generation of top leadership in the State of Texas.

Christian's hobbies include marathon running, coaching The RBIs of Texas (a co-ed softball team), and serving as a commissioner in the U.S. Senate Softball League. He is a founding partner of Rappahannock Timber Frame Company, a construction firm based in Sperryville, VA.