

COLONEL (Ret) CHIP TANSILL
Executive Director-Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

Chip Tansill assumed the position of Executive Director, Franklin County Veterans Service Commission on 9 March 2015. As Executive Director he is responsible for the management and supervision of all personnel, programs, and financial resources. He conducts short and long range planning to include development of outreach programs.

He began his military career in December 1982 when he joined the United States Army Reserve. He spent two years in the 372nd Military Police Company in Cresaptown, Maryland. In 1984 he transferred to the Maryland Army National Guard's Bravo Company, 121st Engineer Battalion in Cumberland, Maryland. He received his commission through the ROTC Program at West Virginia University in 1986.



Colonel Tansill transferred to the West Virginia Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery Regiment in 1989. He served as the Battalion's Ammunition Officer, Service Battery Commander, and Battalion Logistics Officer from September 1989 through September of 1993 when he transferred to the Army Training Site at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, WV until September 1994.

He transferred to the Ohio Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment in September 1994. While serving in the Ohio Army National Guard he has commanded Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment, served as a S3/Training Officer and Executive Officer of the 737th Maintenance Battalion, S4/Logistics Officer and Assistant S3/Operations and Training Officer for the 73rd Troop Command, Mobilization Plans Officer, and Assistant Chief of Staff for Joint Force Headquarters. He commanded the 52nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) from March 2004 through July 2006, and then commanded the Recruiting and Retention Battalion from October 2006 through September 2009. On 1 October 2009 he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Plans, Operations and Training (G3), and then Deputy Chief of Staff for Joint Plans, Operations, and Training (J3) on 1 February 2011. Colonel Tansill assumed the duties as the Chief of Staff on 9 March 2011. As Chief of Staff, he was responsible for assisting the Assistant Adjutant General for Army and the Army Staff in the direction and control of all National Guard Operations by planning, coordinating and information sharing. He retired from the military on 30 April 2015.

Colonel Tansill is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery and the Ordnance Officer Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff Officers Course, and the United States Army War College. Colonel Tansill possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Trident University in Cypress, California, and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Saudi Arabia-Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Kuwait-Liberation of Kuwait Medal, Ohio Distinguished Service Medal, Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon.