

City of Lincoln Appointment Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Application Date: 5/15/2008
Salutation: Mr. **Applicant Name:** Partington, James W.
Legal Residence: 2600 No. 162nd St. **City/State/ZipCode:** Lincoln, NE 68527
Residence Telephone: 402-483-7234 **Business Telephone:** 402-488-3999
Applicant Occupation: Director **Employer:** NE Restaurant Association
E-mail Address:
Affirmative Action Information: Sex Male **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Other

EDUCATION

National Defense University, Flag and General Officer Capstone Course; Naval War College Command and Staff Course; University of Rhode Island, BA; Attended the University of Nebraska and entered the US Navy Flight Training Program in 1959.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics, 1999-2007; Board of Directors, Radiodetection, Ltd, Bristol, UK 1999-2002; Member, Lincoln Rotary Club #14, Ethics Committee Chairman, 1996-97/98; Chairman, Combined Federal Campaign, Lake County, Ill, 1990-1992; Board of Directors, United Way, Lake County, ILL, 1990-1992; Board of Directors, Chicago United Service Organization; Lake County Learns, Leadership Committee; Listed in 1992 and subsequent editions, Marquis Who's Who in America.

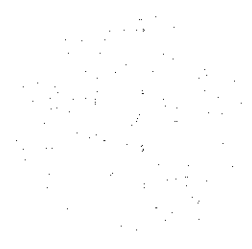
EMPLOYMENT

Also: President of Deer Springs Winery, LLC.

Board(s) Requested

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMIS

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LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bernie Heier Larry Hudkins Deb Schott Ray Stevens Bob Workman
Kerry Eagan, *Chief Administrative Officer* Gwen Thorpe, *Deputy Administrative Officer*

April 25, 2008

Honorable Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street, Suite 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Dear Mayor Beutler:

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests you to also consider James W. Partington for appointment to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission. The County Board believes Mr. Partington is highly qualified for this position, and his rural perspective will provide balance to Planning Commission deliberations. His contact information is:

James W. Partington
2600 North 162nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68527
Home: (402) 483-7234
Work: (402) 488-3999

Thank you for providing the County Board with the opportunity to make this recommendation. The Board appreciates the excellent working relationship with the City.

Sincerely,

Kerry P. Eagan
Chief Administrative Officer

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cc: County Board
James W. Partington

James W Partington
2600 North 162nd
Lincoln, Nebraska 68527
(402) 483-7234

Objective

Seasoned, highly motivated top level executive with experience in government and private sector seeks a challenging position involving a broad scope of responsibilities and opportunities for leadership.

Experience

Executive Director, Nebraska Restaurant Association

- Responsible for representing, educating and promoting the hospitality industry in Nebraska.

President, Radiodetection Cable Test Division

- Re-organized, upgraded management and product design systems and introduced strategic planning process.
- Result: Increase in annual sales growth from 8% to 25%, net operating profit 25%, experienced significant improvement and cost reduction in product development and manufacturing processes.
- Acquired and integrated an electronics company in the UK into the Division

Vice President, Senior Technologies, Inc.

- Introduced Deming Total Quality Management principles and strategic planning process.
- Initiated a coordinated product development process.
- Established a field support group to sell and support products in the United States.
- Result: Reduced time to market for new products, changed focus to long term strategic objectives, provided more effective customer support.

Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes

- Responsible for the effective performance of five major commands engaged in training entry level personnel, providing advanced technical training in engineering and electronics and medical and logistic support of these activities.
- Extensive outreach to Navy ships and squadrons provided information leading to curricula changes that were more effective in meeting operational requirements.
- Initiated planning and logistic preparations for consolidating two other Training Commands from Florida and California at Great Lakes.
- Improved infrastructure support for medical care, recreation and habitability.

Commander, Strike Fighter Wings, Atlantic Fleet

- Responsible for the performance of five major activities with the mission of training pilots and aircraft maintenance personnel to a high state of readiness in support of national strategy.
- Several initiatives were taken to improve the training infrastructure including: new training ranges: computer based instruction: upgraded simulation capability and better logistics support resulting in increased aircraft availability for training missions.
- Completed the transition from the A-7 Light Attack Aircraft to the high performance F/A-18 in all Strike Fighter Squadrons.

Additional Significant Leadership Experience

Director, Naval Aviation Officer Distribution, Bureau of Naval Personnel 1987-1988
Deputy Commander, Carrier Battle Group Bravo 1986-1987
Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California 1984-1986
Chief of Naval Operations Staff, F/A-18 Hornet Program Coordinator 1982-1983
Commanding Officer, Strike Fighter Squadron 125, the first Navy Hornet Squadron 1980-1982

Community Leadership

Board of Directors, Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics 1999-2007
Board of Directors, Radiodetection, Ltd., Bristol, UK 1999-2002
Member, Lincoln Rotary Club #14, Ethics Committee Chairman 1996/97/98.
Chairman, Combined Federal Campaign, Lake County, Illinois, 1990-1992
Board of Directors, United Way, Lake County, Illinois, 1990-1992
Board of Directors, Northern Illinois Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse
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Education

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Proven Leader

Flexibility to embrace and implement new ideas, ability to focus on long range objectives through strategic planning, vision and establishing clear goals.

Enthusiastic, pragmatic, common sense approach combined with a strong sense of fairness and support for equal opportunity results in excellent performance and effective problem solving.

Excellent Communications Skills

Experienced and able to communicate and cooperate with people from diverse cultures representing all levels of government, industry and the news media.

Biographical Summary for Jim Partington

Jim attended the University of Nebraska and entered the US Navy Flight Training Program in 1959. He earned his commission as an ensign and naval aviator wings in 1961. He graduated from the Naval War College Command and Staff course in 1971 and the National Defense University Capstone Course for Flag and General Officers in 1989.

Jim has served in several operational carrier squadrons and various related assignments as he progressed from ensign to rear admiral during a thirty-three year career. He was the commanding officer of the first operational F/A-18 squadron. Following that tour he was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff as the Program Coordinator for the F/A-18 aircraft at a critical period in the development of the weapons system. He worked with key members of the defense establishment and Congress to define operational requirements for the aircraft, complete the operational test plan and obtain approval for production. This was the last successful aircraft acquisition program for the Department of Defense and has been recognized as the model for future acquisitions. Flag officer commands included Strike Fighter Wings Atlantic Fleet and Commander, Naval Training Center Great Lakes.

After retiring from the Navy, Jim and Barbara returned to Lincoln where he worked for five years with Senior Technologies, Inc. in three different vice president positions, strategic planning, engineering and product support.

Jim left Senior Technologies, Inc. in January of 1998 to serve as a consultant for the Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics, a public/private venture to establish an electronic testing and training facility in Nebraska. This facility successfully met the requirements for designation as a qualified testing facility and is up and operating.

In June of 1998 he accepted a position as President of Riser Bond Instruments, a local electronics company. Riser Bond Instruments, was sold to Radiodetection Ltd., an electronics company with headquarters in Bristol, UK. Jim was asked to remain with the company in a new position as President of the Radiodetection Cable Test Division. This division included Riser Bond and Bicotest, a similar company located in Cheshunt, UK. Jim held this position for three years until Radiodetection was sold to SPX Corporation and re-located to Maine.

Jim is presently the Executive Director of the Nebraska Restaurant Association and President of Deer Springs Winery, LLC.

Jim serves as the president of the Board of Directors, Nebraska Center for Excellence in Electronics in Lincoln and he is on the Board of Trustees, Excelsior College, Albany, New York. He has past service on the Board of Directors, United Way, Lake County, Illinois and Lancaster County Red cross.

Military awards include the Legion of Merit (5), Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (28), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V (4), South Vietnamese Air Gallantry Cross and Presidential Unit Citation.