

Biography

Ray Netherwood Libertarian Candidate

U.S. House of Representatives FL CD-19

Ray Netherwood was born in Tallahassee. He grew up in Heidelberg, Germany and Ithaca, New York. He attended and graduated from Ithaca High School and was the President of a Junior Achievement company, and President of an Explorer Post sponsored by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department.

Ray entered the US Air Force in 1973 and served as a Military Working Dog Handler and Law Enforcement Specialist at Plattsburg and Pease Air Force Bases. In December of 1978, during a break in service, Ray attended the University of New Hampshire and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Management. Afterwards, he re-entered the Air Force as a Management Analyst with stationing at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, and in 1980 was transferred to Travis Air Force Base in California, where he served as a Cost and Management Analysis Supervisor. Ray was promoted to Technical Sergeant, and was a Distinguished Graduate from Military Airlift Command-West Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He received a direct appointment commission as a Medical Service Corps officer.

In 1984, Ray transferred to Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, and served as Chief, Inpatient Services (Patient Affairs). He was deployed to Little Rissington Air Base, United Kingdom, in first-ever full scale contingency hospital deployment. Promoted to First Lieutentant. In 1985, Ray was transferred to the USAF Clinic at the Ramstein Air Base in Germany, where he served as Squadron Section Commander and Director, Human Resources and Administration. He served as Director, Resource Management and promoted to Captain, where he served as Director, Medical Logistics Management and also as Administrator, Air Transportable Hospital.

In 1988, Ray transferred to 652nd Contingency Hospital, Donaueschingen Air Station in Germany, and served as its Commander. Ray served as senior AF officer in southern Germany and had the only US facility actively involved with East German resettlement when the Berlin wall fell. He graduated from Troy State University in December 1988 with a Masters of Public Administration. In 1990, Ray transferred to 377th Services Squadron, Ramstein AB, GE, and served as Operations Office and was responsible for housing 2000 deployed medical personnel during Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

In 1991, Ray transferred to Sheppard USAF Regional Hospital, Wichita Falls, TX, and served as Construction Program Director for three multi-million dollar construction projects and also served as Administrator for Hospital Services. In 1994, he transferred to Tricare Region 1 Lead Agent's Office in Washington, DC, and served as Chief, Plans. He was responsible for development of the strategic and operational health plan for a multi-state managed care program covering 1.1 million beneficiaries.

Ray then retired from the Air Force in 1995. Upon retiring, he was hired by the State of Virginia as the Administrator and Chief Operating Officer of the Chesterfield Health District. He was also selected to serve as the Acting Executive Advisor to the Deputy for Health Policy for the Virginia Department of Health, in Richmond, VA.

In 1998 and 1999, Ray attended LSU-Shreveport and University of Texas at Tyler for post graduate courses in Education and Technology. From 1999 to 2001, he was the Contract Compliance Officer for Queen's Health Care Plan, Honolulu, HI. He ensured subcontractor compliance for a multi-year \$200 million managed care contract for all military beneficiaries in the state of Hawaii.

Ray is married to Shelley Netherwood, a former business owner, and they reside in Florida and maintain a vacation home in the mountains of North Carolina. His daughter lives in Vermont, and he has siblings in NJ, CO, FL, and Germany.

Ray's hobbies have included travel, bicycling, and chorus singing. He speaks German fluently, and is active in the River Valley Civitan service organization. He is the Founder of "Friends of Nolan" an internet presence that allows Libertarians, or similarly-minded people, to gather socially for banter about Libertarian principles or merely camaraderie.



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