



DEDICATION PROGRAM BELL COBRA AH-1F-66-15327

AUGUST 1, 2020

507 WINNEBAGO AVENUE | FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: ELLIOT BELGARD, MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PRELUDE MUSIC: FAIRMONT CITY BAND

10:15 AM

SERVICE SONGS: PLEASE STAND AS YOUR BRANCH SONG IS PLAYED

POSTING OF COLORS: AMERICAN LEGION & VFW

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS

NATIONAL ANTHEM: KRIS TILLOTSON & CITY BAND

INVOCATION: MAJOR CORY GERMAIN, CHAPLAIN

WELCOME: STEVE FLOHRS, MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BOARD CHAIRMAN

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:

PAMELA POWERS – ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY, US DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

LARRY HERKE – COMMISSIONER, MN DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

BELL HELICOPTER SPEAKER: COLONEL CHAD SMITH

GREETINGS: TERRY ANDERSON, MCVM CHAIRMAN

DEDICATION SPEAKER: STEVE CHASE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON

GREETINGS: DEBBIE FOSTER, FAIRMONT MAYOR

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF MN

DOG TAG PLACEMENT & KEY TRANSFER: TOM WESTCOTT

RIBBON CUTTING:

PAMELA POWERS | STEVE CHASE | JOSEPH GROVE | STEVE FLOHRS

BENEDICTION: MAJOR CORY GERMAIN, CHAPLAIN

RIFLE SALUTE: VFW & AMERICAN LEGION

TAPS: BRYN MILLER, DRUMMER | LILLY & HUDSON LAVEN, BUGLERS



**PAMELA
POWERS**

ACTING DEPUTY
SECRETARY

US DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Ms. Pamela Powers served as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chief of Staff when, on April 2, 2020, the President chose her to serve as Acting Deputy Secretary. As Acting Deputy, Ms. Powers serves in broad roles designated by the Secretary, to include leading enterprise modernization of the federal government's second-largest Cabinet department with a budget of more than \$218 billion and over 400,000 employees serving in VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices, and national cemeteries across the country.

Ms. Powers has nearly 30 years of service in the Air Force and the Department of Defense, with experience in executive-level management, policy development, strategic planning and programming, legislation, operations, and communications.

Before joining VA, Ms. Powers served as Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. In that capacity, Ms. Powers was responsible for day-to-day operations of Department of Defense Total Force Management as it relates to readiness, National Guard and Reserve component affairs, health affairs, training, and personnel requirements and management, including equal opportunity, morale, welfare, recreation, and quality of life matters.

During her military service, Ms. Powers was assigned to posts in Arizona, Delaware, New Jersey, Kuwait, and Washington, D.C. She served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, where she managed operations of the Office of Legislative Affairs and led the Department of Defense Congressional Travel Program. Ms. Powers also served as the Executive Director for the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee and as a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. In 2015, Ms. Powers deployed to Kuwait, where she served as Chief of Staff to the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force-Levant, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve.

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Psychology, Ms. Powers holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Master of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She also served as a Department of Defense Congressional Fellow in the Office of Senator Susan Collins of Maine. Ms. Powers retired from the Air Force as a colonel on March 1, 2018, and her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.