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Formation :

BA/BS	BA, Georgetown Uni., 1959
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Law degree (JD...)	LL.B., Fordham Law School, 1962 LL.M. in international law, the George Washington Uni., 1972
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Carrière :

1963 – 75 : lawyer and military judge, Dept of the Navy

1975 – 80 : director, international negotiations branch, Judge Advocate General of the Navy

1980 – 84 : commander, Naval Legal Service Office, Norfolk, VA

¹ n'est pas une formation mais un programme pour entrer dans l'armée

1984 – 89 : legislative assistant to the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Retraite de la Navy au grade de Capt.

1989 – 94 : counsel, Senate Committee on Armed Services

1995 – 2001 : Democratic Counsel, Senate Com. On Ar. Serv.

2001 – 03 : counsel, Senate Com. On Ar. Serv.

2003 – 07 : Democratic staff director, Senate Com. On Arm. Serv.

2007 - : staff director, Senate Com. On Arm. Serv.

Expertise : International law, military operations, Department of Defense organization

Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

« As Senate Armed Services Committee staff director under the new Democratic majority, Richard DeBoges oversaw a 2007 session marked by tough debate over the direction of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. But Democrats and Republicans found some common ground as well, acting on a significant expansion of the Army and the Marine Corps and tackling a full slate of weapons modernization programs – some of them troubled.

DeBoges brought extensive military and legislative background to his work as top committee staffer to the new chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. His experience on Capitol Hill dates to the Reagan administration, when he was a Naval officer serving as legislative assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Levin was at the center of Democratic efforts in 2007 to prod the Bush administration to redeploy U.S. troops out of Iraq, even as the new commander of coalition forces, Gen. David Petraeus, directed a strategic surge of troops to improve security in Iraq.

In collaboration with Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., Levin has sought to steer the U.S. war mission from combat to training and support of Iraqi forces. Through several variations, the Levin-Reed legislation generally proposed non-binding goals for troop withdrawals – rather than the strict timetables sought by some Democrats. At one point last summer, Levin-Reed won a narrow majority of votes in the Senate, but it never approached the 60 votes needed to break a GOP filibuster.

Levin has nevertheless persisted in arguing that only a clear signal of a U.S. course-change will push Iraqi leaders to make the political compromises necessary to end the sectarian violence and defeat the insurgency. Despite their inability to change the U.S. mission in Iraq by legislative mandate, Democrats could argue that their steady pressure on the Bush administration has been useful to the all-important political element of the counterinsurgency.

Under the direction of DeBoges, the committee's annual cycle of Pentagon budget and policy deliberations was a tool for continuing scrutiny of a full spectrum of military issues. For example, the controversy over conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center spurred the committee to demand improvements and monitor their implementation.

In tandem with its House counterpart, the committee pushed through another record Pentagon authorization that raised military pay by 3.5 percent, set the Army and Marine Corps on a course for force expansion, and pressed ahead with weapons modernization programs.

DeBoges joined the committee staff in 1989, after 26 years as an attorney in the Navy. His last assignment was as a legislative assistant to the then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. William Crowe Jr.»

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The New Majority

Senate Committee Staff Directors Set Session Agenda

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« *Richard D. DeBoges*, the staff director-designate, is a veteran: 26 years in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, attaining the rank of captain, and 18 for the Armed Services committee -- the last three as the top staffer for the incoming chairman, [Sen. Carl M. Levin](#) (Mich.).

The spotlight will be on the committee, not only because it will focus on Iraq, but also because it includes two likely presidential candidates: [Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton](#) (N.Y.) and the ranking Republican, [Sen. John McCain](#) (Ariz.).

The committee is known for its bipartisanship and, DeBobes said, "there's no reason for that not to continue." Still, that atmosphere may become strained. DeBobes, 68, is putting together a new three-person investigative team to challenge the administration on detainee treatment.

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