

OPERA – fiche sociographique - défense

Prénom, Nom:

Robert L. Simmons, dit Bob

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Catégorie : Législatif

Dates de naissance / décès :

Né le 03 septembre 1955

Lieu de naissance :

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Genre : Male

Lieu de résidence (si DC avant l'accession à un poste retenu, avec si possible l'année de l'emménagement à DC):

Formation :

BA/BS	BS, electrical engineering, San Diego State University, 1978
MA/MS	
PhD	
Law degree (JD...)	
Autre	

Profession initiale :

Industriel

Carrière :

1978- 2002 : chief executive officer, Senior Aerospace

2003 – 2005 : Professional staff member, HASC

2005-2010 : Republican staff director, HASC

2011 – : chief of staff, HASC

Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

Expertise: Army procurement, defense industrial base, oversight and investigations.

The top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee has changed twice in recent years, but the top Republican staffer remains the same. Bob Simmons has held that role since 2005 and with the shift in power from Democrats to the GOP, he is now the committee's chief of staff, working with the new Chairman Buck McKeon of California.

Like McKeon, Simmons is cognizant of the tough financial conditions in the nation but concerned about potential budget cuts resulting in the loss of needed weapon systems and the potential impacts on combat readiness.

The committee will also oversee the elimination of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy involving the service of gay men and women. It was a move that McKeon disagreed with because he worried such a cultural shift in the middle of war actions could negatively impact a force that is already stretched thin. Another issue Simmons will oversee is the planned end to military operations in Iraq by 2012 and the debate over whether that time frame is reasonable.

Roll Call described Simmons' leadership style as friendly, saying he tries to establish a laid-back environment that's also as family friendly as possible for a committee that must stay long hours while putting together the massive defense authorization bill.

"I'm not a legacy Hill person. And to get results here, I manage employees' needs, and that includes ensuring the staff has time to spend with their family," he told *Roll Call*.

An electrical engineer by training, Simmons spent 26 years in the aerospace industry making jet engine components before joining the Armed Services Committee staff in 2003. He accepted the job at the insistence of former Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif. Simmons described his committee work as public services in a previous interview. "I came here because I didn't serve in the military," he said. "This is my military service."

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