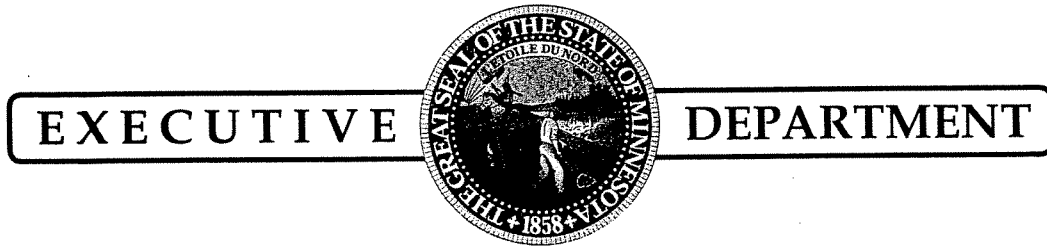


# STATE of MINNESOTA



**TIM PAWLENTY**  
**GOVERNOR**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**MICHAEL PUGLIESE**

4849 Park Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417  
County of Hennepin  
Congressional District Five

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the said office of:

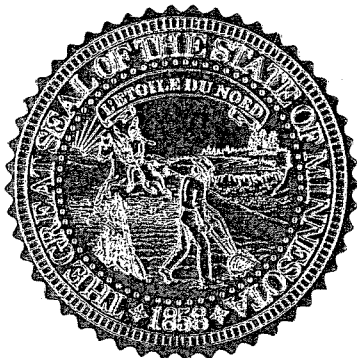
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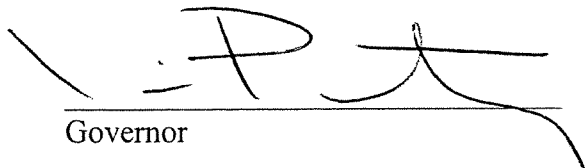
**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Effective: April 14, 2010  
Term Expires: January 3, 2011

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, April 6, 2010.



  
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Governor

  
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Secretary of State

Replacing: Clark Dyrud

# MICHAEL PUGLIESE

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

As a Marine Veteran from the Gulf War era, I am an energetic, goal-oriented leader with a proven track record of championing Veteran issues. I currently oversee operations for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Programs and Services Divisions, where my focus remains on our mission of "Serving Minnesota Veterans and their Families" by reaching Veterans across a broad range of generations, conflicts and service branches to connect them with the crucial benefits and programs they have earned.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ST. PAUL, MN 2001-PRESENT

- Forge partnerships and foster strong working relationships with affiliated organizations and programs, including the VA Medical Center, VA Administration, MAC-V, County Veteran Service Officer Association, Veteran Service Organizations, Department of Military Affairs and other state agencies
- Build relationships with congressional and state legislative delegations; testify in legislative hearings on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- Responsible for all Programs and Services Divisions, including Claims and Outreach, Cemetery, Legislative, Information Technology, Communications, State Soldiers Assistance Program, Veterans Preference, Special Needs Grants
- Provide lead agency support for statewide events, including annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day gatherings, as well as the World War II Memorial Dedication in 2007 and the Minnesota Honors all Vietnam Era Veterans event in 2009
- Lead department in creation and maintenance of department budget
- Spearhead new innovative programs to reach Veterans and their families, such as LinkVet, Veterans Linkage Line, the Tribal Veteran Service Officer program, and the C.O.R.E. program
- Provide leadership for Department's first Strategic Plan in 2008
- Demonstrated competencies in improving and maintaining staff recruitment and retention

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OFFICE SUPERVISOR, NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE ST. PAUL, MN 1997-2001

- Provided training and management for National Service Officer's representation of Veterans and families before US Department of Veterans Affairs and Board of Appeals
- Collaborated with congressional delegation to craft and pass federal laws to enhance quality of life for Veterans and their families
- Testified before Congress on Veteran related issues
- Developed and presented education forums on VA benefits to the Veterans community

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER ST. PAUL, MN 1994-1997

- Represented Veterans and their families before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- Liaison for United States Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans Appeals
- Presented at education forums, community events and conventions

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### **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, 1987-1991**

- Tactical Data Control; Collected intelligence for rapid distribution to appropriate command for target selection and troop direction
- Worked with Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) to collect and send data

### **EDUCATION & ACCREDITATION**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
Federal Accreditation

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, 1993**  
Emphasis on Public Speaking, Legal Reasoning and Psychology

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, 1989-1990**  
General Studies

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LONG ISLAND, NY 1987**  
Emphasis on Psychology and Sociology

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS**

- Governor's appointee to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's Governors Council
- Lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans
- Member of the American Legion
- Volunteer with the VA Medical Center Quality Council
- Volunteer member of the Disabled American Veteran Quality Council

*References Available Upon Request*