

His Journey

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William Melp on the campaign trail for the Governorship in 2020.

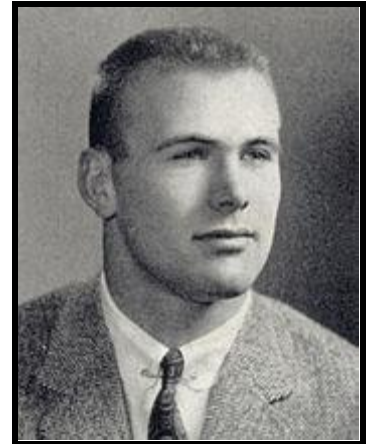
Former Congressman William F. Melp has had a very interesting career thus far, Melp's experience ranges from the halls of the capital in Richmond to the halls of the West wing, a lengthy career in public service has been the crowning jewel of Melp's career. After such a long and harsh career in the public eye, why would such a man want to continue this type of work well into his retirement years? Here is why only a man who is dedicated to the people, a man who owes his entire success and career to the people of his state and country, that man is Melp. The world of politics and public service is not a path every man is willing to or able to take but Melp dove in without a doubt in mind, learn the journey behind the man.

The respectable former Congressman; former Senator, former Lieutenant Governor, Former Secretary of the Interior, and the list goes on, was born and raised out of Arlington, Virginia in 1950. With Melp's father working as a state trooper and his mother a public school teacher, his family was your typical average American family. The Melp Family never had too much but they managed, no matter what struggle they went through they loved their country and their God. These morals were instilled in a young Bill, after graduating high school Melp enlisted into the U.S Navy in 1968 where he became a Naval air pilot and served in Vietnam. Melp rose to the rank of Captain



by the end of his Naval career. Throughout his service in the Navy, Melp gained a further appreciation of his country and grew closer to his Catholic beliefs, these values can still be seen in the man to this day. His service in the military was the diving board into his journey of public service, in the Navy Bill learned what it meant to serve his country and he wanted to continue this service in his civilian life.

After his years served in the Navy, Melp enrolled at Yale University in 1976, the same school which his political idol once did. Melp studied politics, economics, and history at Yale and graduated with honors, but to Melp that was the least important thing, he learned in school. It may sound cliché but to William Melp, he found himself at College, his entire world view and values were challenged by every liberal professor Melp had, but all it did was bring even closer to his beliefs and turn him into the strong conservative lion he is today. All thanks to one man, that man being William F. Buckley, Mr. Buckley who attended Yale much like Melp, was a trailblazer for the Conservative movement and set off alarms in every Ivy League university in 1951 with his book, "God and Man at Yale". With Mr. Buckley now the founder of the hot new conservative magazine, "The National Review", and the host of the critically acclaimed show, "Firing Line", Melp grew closer to the Conservative ideology which Mr. Buckley championed.



Melp soon registered as a Republican and thus his political career began, Melp joined the Conservative Party of the Yale Political Union and his local Young Republicans, just how Buckley did. Melp's experiences and his background as a man who worked his way up brought a much-needed voice to politics, the common man's voice has always lacked in politics but now it's completely out of the equation. At that time the common man had some control of his state's and country's policy but now in today's age it is all governed by party elitist, but Melp in his 2020 campaign hopes to change. While a young and wide-eyed Republican, Melp met an up and coming Republican star who would go on to mentor and eventually run for President, but at this time Melp started law school in 1980 and stepped away from the public eye and politics for many years.

The year was now 1984 and the political climate had completely changed, California Governor and conservative superstar Ronald Reagan had been elected in 1981 and now is campaigning for re-election. This was the perfect time for Melp to jump into the current climate of politics, Melp interned from politician to politician but then met Reagan, a young and fresh state assembly candidate. Mister Reagan would not be elected for many years but they would become close friends for many years. Mr. William F. Buckley would work in minor roles throughout the federal government, but his most important work was under the Reagan and Bush Sr. administration. After the loss of Bush Sr. would return to private law, we worked and founded Melp, Cannibal and Prussian firm. Melp would step away from the firm in 2017 and



the rest you know. Although I know that this piece will not do Melp justice, we hope we gave Americans an inside into the man.