



## **National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service**

Public Meeting – Nashua, New Hampshire

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Nashua City Hall – Auditorium

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### **5:30-6:10 pm      Opening Remarks**

Introduction: *Ms. Shawn Skelly*, Commissioner

Welcome: *Mr. Jim Donchess*, Mayor of the City of Nashua

Remarks: *Ms. Jennifer McCormack*, Nashua Public Library Director

Remarks: *Mr. Matt Wilhelm*, Director of Old Sol Alliance, Inc.

Presentation: *Mr. Alan Khazei*, Commissioner

### **6:10-7:05 pm      Public Comments**

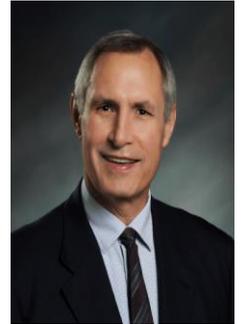
The Commission's work includes understanding why people serve, why people may choose not to serve, and recommending ways to increase the number of Americans in military, national, and public service. The Commission is actively seeking input from the public and invites you to join the conversation. Share your thoughts at: [www.inspire2serve.gov](http://www.inspire2serve.gov).



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Jim Donchess**, *Mayor, City of Nashua*

Mayor Jim Donchess graduated from Yale University in 1971 and received his J.D. five years later at the New York University School of Law. Jim was elected to Nashua city government for the first time in 1977, and he served for four years as Alderman-at-Large. He was elected as Mayor in 1984, and he served for two terms. Under his leadership, Nashua was awarded the “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine. The award called national attention to the accomplishments of the city during Jim's term, including good schools, a low crime rate, and a Triple-A bond rating. Nashua also won federal grants to develop Clocktower Place in our downtown, an effort that Jim championed. After his second term, Jim returned to his law practice in 1992 and worked to win fair outcomes for victims of workplace discrimination based on gender, age, race, ethnic origin and disability. Jim returned to the public service scene in 2011, when he was again elected as Alderman-at-Large. With his return to the Mayor’s Office, Jim hopes to make Nashua a city that works for all people by again making Nashua a welcoming community of families, businesses, and schools.



### **Jennifer McCormack**, *Director, Nashua Public Library*

Jennifer McCormack, who began her position at the library in Nashua on January 25, 2010 was previously director of the Tewksbury Public Library in Massachusetts. During her years in the library profession, Jennifer also served as assistant director and reference librarian at the Amesbury (Mass.) Public Library and worked at the Phillips Exeter Academy and Seabrook libraries. Ms. McCormack received her master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of New Hampshire.

### **Matt Wilhelm**, *Director, Old Sol Alliance, Inc.*

Matt Wilhelm grew up in Nashua and moved to Manchester after college to serve two terms as an AmeriCorps member with City Year NH, where he led a team of full-time tutors, mentors, and role models in high-need, under-resourced public schools. Matt went on to join the founding teams of ServeNext, Calling All Crows, and the Old Sol Foundation, where he currently leads the development of Concert Corps, a national service pilot launching later this month in partnership with three music industry nonprofits. He is a past recipient of the Clinton National Service Innovation Award (2006), the Spirit of NH Award for National Service (2007), and the Thrivent National Volunteer Service Award (2008); winner of the NH Social Venture Innovation Challenge (2015); and graduate of the UNH Carsey School of Public Policy's MPA program (2016). Matt lives in Manchester with his wife Jody, also an AmeriCorps alum, and their two future national service members, Ben (5) and Rosie (2). He serves on the board of Girls at Work, a local nonprofit that empowers girls by teaching them to use power tools, and remains active with NH AmeriCorps Alums.

