

Michael B. Pace
Member
Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission



Michael B. Pace was appointed to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on January 6, 2015 by Governor Jeremiah “Jay” Nixon. His term expires March 1, 2019.

Pace is a retired brigadier general in the Army National Guard who began his military career as an enlisted engineer. He served in aviation positions for almost 30 years, attaining the master aviator badge. He held multiple brigade and state-level staff positions. As the Joint Force Land Component Commander, he was in operations control commanding all Army units of the Missouri National Guard. He held command leadership positions from squad leader through command of the 35th Aviation Brigade and the 35th Engineer Brigade. During his career he received multiple decorations and badges including the Bronze Star. He retired in 2008 after completing a successful tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

While serving in the military, Pace also served nearly 33 years in the Missouri State Highway Patrol, achieving the rank of major. During his tenure, he served in increasing levels of responsibility and retired as director of the criminal investigation bureau in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Pace graduated from Tarkio College with a bachelor’s degree in personnel management, and from the United States Army War College with a master’s in strategic studies.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the MASTERS (Missouri State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), Whetstone Boys Ranch Board and serves on the Missouri State University- West Plains Chancellor’s Advisory Board. He is also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1828.

He and his wife Diana live in West Plains, Missouri and have two children and six grandchildren.