

Dr. Steven M. Bolen  
Bio for HCCVMF

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Dr. Bolen is a 27-year veteran of federal civil service. He left service as a professional intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) supporting counter-terrorism, counter-proliferation, and special military units' activities. He began his career as an engineer at the height of the Cold War working for the U.S. Department of the Air Force at Rome Air Development Center (RADC) in Upstate New York. There he developed intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance technical solutions to counter Soviet, communist Chinese, and North Korean military threats. He left the Air Force to work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Human Spaceflight Center in Houston, Texas. His work on the Space Shuttle Orbiter (SSO), International Space Station (ISS), Extra-Vehicular Activity (EVA) communications, Human Lunar Return, and Mars Expedition Programs supported the United States' Astronaut Corps. More recently, in addition to serving on the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families, he also served as a member of the Public Safety Subcommittee Transition Team for Howard County Executive, Dr. Calvin Ball, III.

Dr. Bolen is the proud son of Donald and Maria Bolen. Both are farm-raised teachers that grew up in Iowa during the Great Depression and World War II. His father is a U.S. Navy Korean War combat veteran who taught high school math and science classes, and his mother was an early elementary school educator who taught special education and worked with children with autism spectrum disorder.

He is married to his beautiful wife, Linda, who served our country for over thirty years in the Department of Defense. Both are long-time residents of Howard County, and both are active in our community. Dr. Bolen and his wife are dedicated to helping people with mental health, cognitive and physical disability challenges - children, adults, veterans, and seniors, keeping our environment clean, and supporting excellence in education for our children.