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Dr. John Schmidt appointed to the Alabama Historical Commission

In March, Governor Bob Riley appointed Dr. John Schmidt to the Alabama Historical Commission.

Dr. Schmidt currently serves as the Senior Vice Chancellor at Troy University. In this role he is engaged in teaching leadership courses and developing academic programs at the main campus in Troy. In addition, he leads university efforts for fundraising, marketing, alumni growth, radio and television outreach, and external programs.

Schmidt has served in the U.S. Marine Corp as a Colonel, commanding at all levels from Vietnam, Desert Shield/Storm, Bosnia and Haiti. He graduated from the Air War College and is an honor graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He also holds a M.A. degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 2004, he completed his doctorate of education from Nova Southeastern University.

Troy University nominated Dr. Schmidt to replace Janice Hawkins.

According to Executive Director Frank White, "I am grateful for the dedication and expertise Commissioner Hawkins shared with us during her service, and we look forward to working with Commissioner Schmidt. He is an excellent addition to the commission."

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