

## **MG (R) Robert B. Newman, Jr.**

### **Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Partnerships, Sera-Brynn, LLC**



**Focus on Cyber, Financial and Energy  
Infrastructure**

**Former Adjutant General of Virginia**

**Former VA Deputy Homeland Security Advisor**

Major General Robert B. Newman, Jr., USAF (retired), has over thirty years of business, military, and homeland security expertise in both government and private sectors in the fields of infrastructure protection, financial services, energy, and information security.

As Senior Vice President and Director of Strategic Partnerships for Sera-Brynn LLC, Mr. Newman directs the company's strategic planning effort and is responsible for the strategic marketing and industry awareness programs. He works with professionals both in and out of the information security field to develop new partnerships to expand the company's client base and with other senior leaders in the company to develop new products and analyze their impact on the company's clients and the market.

Long having recognized the rapidly evolving cyber challenges that face our country, Mr. Newman worked as a consultant prior to joining Sera-Brynn with both public and private entities to help secure our nation's cyber, financial, and energy infrastructures and to ensure their reliability for the American economy. He has also worked with the modeling and simulation industry in Virginia to identify opportunities and develop a strategic way ahead to ensure the industry's continued success across the business spectrum in the commonwealth.

Mr. Newman graduated as a distinguished aerospace graduate from the Virginia Military Institute in 1973. While a cadet at VMI, Newman was regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets, president of the honor court, and co-captain of the soccer team being twice named to the Virginia All-State soccer team. In 1979, he received a Master of Arts in Management and Public Administration from Webster University.

Following graduation from VMI, Mr. Newman attended US Air Force pilot training. He received his wings in December 1974 and was assigned to the 23 Tactical Fighter Wing flying the A-7D Corsair II fighter aircraft. During his active duty Air Force career, he was an instructor pilot, a flight examiner, and was named to an 8-man USAF gunnery team that flew against 10 Royal Air Force teams and won the RAF annual tactical fighter competition.

Mr. Newman separated from active duty in 1980 returning to Virginia where he began a career as an institutional bond trader working for both Wall Street and regional brokerage firms. He also joined the Virginia Air National Guard flying the A-7D fighter later transitioning to the F-16C Fighting Falcon.

Following the attacks on September 11, 2001, Mr. Newman was mobilized and assigned to the National Guard Bureau in Washington where he helped stand up homeland security missions assigned to the Guard including the infrastructure protection mission and directed the stand-up of the National Guard's initial element at US Northern Command. He was later promoted to brigadier general serving as the deputy J3/4 for operations and logistics at US Joint Forces Command.

Following a two year tour of duty at the Guard Bureau, Newman returned to Richmond where he served in the cabinet of Governor Mark Warner as deputy homeland security advisor continuing work to secure Virginia's critical infrastructure and directing homeland security efforts that established the Virginia fusion center.

In 2006, Governor Tim Kaine selected Newman to be the Adjutant General of Virginia commanding 10,000 Virginia Army and Air Guardsmen and promoting him to the rank of major general. Newman served on many national committees while serving as adjutant general including the Reserve Forces Policy Board and, drawing on his business experience, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services.

Mr. Newman continues to be active in the community serving on many local and national boards to include the Board of Directors of LEAD Virginia, the Board of Advisors for Linxx Global Solutions, the Board of Advisors of the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University, the Board of Directors of the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation, and the Board of Directors of the Congressional Award.