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## State Auditor Ralph Campbell Names Retired Marine General as Chief Deputy

RALEIGH \_ George H. Walls Jr., a retired Marine brigadier general, was named Tuesday as Chief Deputy by State Auditor Ralph Campbell Jr.

Walls retired from the Marine Corps in 1993 after 28 years with the service. He was the commanding general for the Second Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune when he retired. Since 1993, he has served as special assistant to Chancellor Julius Chambers at North Carolina Central University.

"We are indeed fortunate to have a person of George Walls' experience to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Office of the State Auditor," Campbell said. "His military service and his work in the University of North Carolina system have given him extensive experience in managing complex and diverse organizations, experience that will come in handy here."

Walls, who begins work after the first of the year, replaces Grace Beaman, who returned from retirement to serve as interim chief deputy.

"I am honored to have been selected by Mr. Campbell to fill the position as his Chief Deputy," Walls said. "I look forward to working with the staff and other agencies to fulfill the mission of the Auditor's Office."

A native of Parkesburg, Pa., Walls graduated from West Chester State College in 1964 with a BS degree in education. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1965 and served on active duty for 28 years.



He commanded units at every rank and served in staff assignments throughout the United States and overseas. From November 1991 to March 1992, he was the commander of a joint task force which provided humanitarian relief to Haitian refugees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 1975, Walls earned a Master of Arts in Education degree from North Carolina Central University. He also completed the U.S. Marine Corps Command Staff College in 1976 and the National War College in 1983.

Walls was chairman of the Department of Naval Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University from 1989 to 1991.

He served as special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy at The Pentagon from 1984 to 1987.

His honors include an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Virginia Union University ; the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award; and the Humanitarian Service Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

As the Special Assistant to the Chancellor Chambers at North Carolina Central, Walls is a senior administrative officer of the university, a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet and the University Planning Council.

He has three sons and is married to the former Portia Diane Hall.

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