



**Andrew M. "Mel" Sheridan Jr.**  
**Commissioner of the Revenue**  
Fluvanna County, Virginia

Mel Sheridan is a native Virginian having grown up in Fluvanna County just outside of the city of Charlottesville. After graduating from Fluvanna High School in 1974, he attended the University of Richmond and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in May 1978. Immediately following college, he joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Mr. Sheridan is an Army aviator qualified in Cobra attack helicopters as well as various other fixed and rotary wing aircraft; in addition, he holds the Expert Infantry Badge and is a Jump Master. During his career, he had assignments in Alaska, Georgia, Alabama, the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Savannah, and the Virginia Army National Guard. While serving with the Virginia Guard, Colonel Sheridan had assignments as the Emergency Operations Officer, the Counterdrug Coordinator, the State Training officer and the Deputy Chief of Staff. He retired from the Army in 1998 as a Full Colonel. While on active duty, he received a Master's Degree in Management and also graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. After completing his military service, he started a second career in Public Safety and accepted the position of Public Safety Communications Director for Orange County, Virginia. In October of 2000, he was selected by the State to work in the Virginia Information and Technology Agency (VITA) for the Division of Public Safety Communications where he worked with 911 centers across Virginia as a technical advisor and grants administrator for wireless emergency communications issues. In January 2004, Mr. Sheridan was sworn in as the Commissioner of the Revenue for Fluvanna County where he continues to serve in that capacity. In 2007, he completed career development training and was certified as a Master Commissioner of the Revenue.

In addition to his position as Commissioner, Mel served as a member of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors for ten years to include serving as both Chairman and Vice-chairman. He has also served for two terms as a member of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Executive Board representing the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Nelson, Goochland, Cumberland and Powhatan. He served as a member and past Chair of the VACo Utilities and Telecommunications Steering Committee and as a Governor's appointee to the Virginia Fire Services Board representing the 30,000 member Virginia Volunteer Firefighters Association. He is an active member of the Kents Store Volunteer Fire Department and Byrd Chapel United Methodist Church. He served for 5 years as a sworn auxiliary Deputy for the Fluvanna Sheriff's Department utilizing his aviation skills and horses to provide a Search and Rescue element for the department. He currently serves as a Director on the Virginia National Guard Foundation. He maintains memberships in several professional associations to include the Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association, the Military Officers of America Association and is a life member of the Virginia National Guard Officers Association. His wife, Donna, is a professional educator and taught for 16 years as a K-3 school teacher in Fluvanna. They have four sons and four grandchildren that also make their home in Fluvanna County.