Dale Derr, Director of Veterans Affairs for the County of Berks, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1976-1979 and was later commissioned into the United States Air Force where he served on active duty from 1980-2000, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. His work in chemical, biological, nuclear and explosives defense regularly had him working with warfighters from all branches of service, foreign militaries, contractors and civilian authorities in the United States and overseas.

Upon return to his roots in Berks County, he was appointed as the Administrator for the 23rd Judicial District of Pennsylvania and later worked in non-profit disability and aging services. He was appointed Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs Director in August 2010, where he oversees benefits services to Berks County's 29,000 veterans and many family members in need of disability, pension, burial or memorial and other benefits each year. Dale supports community events that recognize military service including the nation's oldest Armed Forces Day Parade, a dinner-dance for 1,000 veterans and their guests, and flags distribution to more than 46,000 graves of veterans at 217 graveyards and cemeteries.

A Spring Township resident, Dale is married to his wife Susan and they have three children, Lieutenant Commander Alison Derr, United States Navy Reserves; Captain James Derr, United States Marine Corps; and Victoria, employed at Prospectus Berco, Reading.

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