

JERRY A. BRIDGES
Executive Director
Virginia Port Authority
And Chairman-Elect of
American Association of Port Authorities



Jerry A. Bridges was appointed Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) by the Board of Commissioners on November 28, 2006 and officially took office on February 5, 2007. Mr. Bridges is responsible for the broad programmatic areas of marketing, development, finance and promotion of Virginia's marine terminal facilities located in the Hampton Roads harbor – Newport News Marine Terminal, Norfolk International Terminals, and Portsmouth Marine Terminal, APMT Virginia, and the Virginia Inland Terminal located in Warren County, Virginia.

Mr. Bridges is slated to be installed as Chairman of the Board of the American Association of Port Authorities for a one-year term on the final day of AAPA's 100th annual convention, set for September 11-15 in Seattle.

Prior to beginning his career at the VPA, Mr. Bridges served as Executive Director of the Port of Oakland since June 2004. Mr. Bridges was responsible for the overall operations, management and financial performance of the Port of Oakland's three lines of business at the Oakland International Airport, the Oakland Seaport and extensive commercial real estate holdings. From September 2001 until his appointment as Executive Director, Mr. Bridges served as the Port's Director of Maritime. Prior to being named Director of Maritime, Mr. Bridges served as the Area Vice President Northern California for Marine Terminals Corporation. In addition, Mr. Bridges has held various operating positions with Sea Land Services and Roadway Express.

Mr. Bridges currently serves on the Board of Directors of Virginia International Terminals, Incorporated (VIT), American Association of Port Authorities Executive Committee, Hampton Roads Partnership Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Greater Norfolk Corporation Executive Committee, Town Point Club Board of Governors, Virginia Arts Festival Board of Directors, Old Dominion University Executive Advisory Council, Norfolk Education Foundation Board of Directors, Norfolk Festevents Board of Directors, Marine Board of the National Research Council and the Sentara Healthcare Board of Directors.

Mr. Bridges also served 20 years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in active/reserve status and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences from the Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.