



Richard "Dick" Morgan Biography

Richard "Dick" Morgan was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee as Secretary for the Washington Department of Corrections on March 14, 2016. Secretary Morgan has over 35 years of correctional experience.

Secretary Morgan began his career as an officer at the Washington State Penitentiary in 1976; a time that came to be infamously known as the "Concrete Momma" days. Secretary Morgan promoted up through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Administrative Assistant, Captain, and served as Superintendent of three prisons, Clallam Bay, Penitentiary, and McNeil Island. He is the third of four generations in his family to work at the Washington State Penitentiary.

In 2006, Secretary Morgan was promoted to Assistant Deputy Secretary, and in 2008, to Director of Prisons (Assistant Secretary of Prisons).

Morgan officially retired from the Washington Department of Corrections in early 2011, and began working as an independent consultant on correctional issues, such as litigation and policy. He was appointed by Governor Inslee in 2014 as a member of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (parole board) and reappointed in 2015, and also serves as a member of the Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Secretary Morgan graduated in 1994 from Eastern Washington University with a bachelor's degree in general studies.

He and his wife, Landa (lawn-dah) maintain their home in Walla Walla, where he was elected to the City of Walla Walla City Council in 2014.