

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION "TV AND RADIO HOST AND ACTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKER"

NAME:

The Honorable Sidney M. Oman
Chairman, co-founder, and co-owner of Oman Funeral Homes, Chesapeake
President, Virginia Funeral Directors Association 1998-1999, Chaplain VFDA 2005-2006
Former Mayor, City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, one term
Former Mayor, City of Chesapeake, Virginia, three terms
Native of Trenton, New Jersey
TV Host "Sounding Board" WCTV
Radio Host "The Vantage Point," WFOS-FM 88.7
Marriage Commissioner and Celebrant, Commonwealth of Virginia

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FAMILY:

Married to Lillian Callis Oman of Colerain, NC
One son - Robert M. Oman (Licensed funeral director and business partner)
One daughter - Susan Lynn Oman

HONORS:

The Sidney M. Oman Cancer Treatment Center at Chesapeake General Hospital was named for him in 1998
Recipient of the 1968 First Citizen of Tidewater Award, presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars
Recipient of 1969 First Citizen of Chesapeake Award, presented by the Great Bridge Jaycees
Recipient, National Thanatology Foundation Award for his work on Grief and Death, October 17, 1977
Recipient, Norfolk State University's Presidential Citation, September 12, 1987, for his work in the advancement of education.
Presented by President Reagan at the White House with a citation on March 3, 1988 for his role in the War on Drugs
In 1989 campaign, first mayoral candidate in Elizabeth City to be endorsed by both the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Advance, receiving 78% of the vote in the direct Mayor's election
Honored in 1990 by the U. S. Marine Corps League
Recipient, 1991 Elizabeth City Cosmopolitan Clubs First Citizens Award
"Readers Choice" - Daily Advance poll selects Sid Oman as the most popular political leader in the Albemarle area of Northeastern North Carolina - August 1991
Chairman, 30th Anniversary of the City of Chesapeake
Presented with the Founders Award in 1994 by the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic
Recipient 1998-1999 "Readers Choice" - Virginian Pilot poll selects Sid Oman as best known citizen and citizen who has contributed most to the city

PROFESSION:

Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. Licensed in Virginia, North Carolina, and New Jersey
Director of General Douglas MacArthur's funeral
Past President, Virginia State Regulatory Board of the Funeral Service Profession
Member, National Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards
Past President of Tidewater Funeral Directors Association
1991-1994 Chairman, Legislative Committee - Virginia Funeral Directors Association
Member, National Funeral Directors Legislative Panel

EDUCATION:

Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Virginia
Eckels College / Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. DMS
Virginia Institute of Funeral Professionals, Richmond, VA. VCFP
Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia - Eye Enucleation
National Foundation of Funeral Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Honored by Fork Union Military Academy in 1984 as Alumni of the Year
Made a "Fellow" in the British Institute of Embalmers, Company of Fellows 1996
Received MBIE from the British Institute of Embalmers, December 20, 2001
Recipient of two honorary doctorate degrees
Member of American Academy of Mortuary Science
Charter member of the Funeral Ethics Association
Zeta Chapter of Pi Sigma Eta

APPOINTMENTS:

Former Member of the Board, Elizabeth City State University
Former Member, Board of Directors, ComfortCare
Past President, Great Bridge Chapter, AARP
Retired Lt. Colonel Virginia State Guard
Former Member, Board of Director, Bank of Tidewater
Member, Board of Monarch Bank, Great Bridge
Member, Board of Directors, Community Coordinated Care
1987-1991 U. S. Representative to the World Council of Cities
Appointed on May 11, 1994, to the Sub-Committee on Marketing and Financing Practices Associated with Preneed Funeral Contracts, by the Virginia Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections
Member of the Advisory Board of Virginia Wesleyan College and Educational Outreach Committee as a member of the President's Advisory Council
Appointed in May 2000, for a four-year term on the Regional Board of the Tidewater Community College

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Past President, Chesapeake Chamber of Commerce
Past Chairman, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Chesapeake Division
Former Vice-Chairman, Chesapeake Hospital Authority
Chairman of the 1969 Promotion of Bonds for Water/Sewers; Community Hospital, Library, Safety Building
Listed in Who's Who in America
Former Director, Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce
Former Member, Board of Directors of the Albemarle Commission in North Carolina
Former Director of Public Relations, City of Norfolk (5 years)
Past Executive Director - International Azalea Festival.
Member, Chesapeake Consortium for Arts and History
Trustee with Great Bridge, Battlefield and Waterways Foundation
Board of Directors, Tidewater Habitat of Humanities

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Member Chesapeake Rotary Club
Former Member, Elizabeth City Rotary Club
Former Member, Cosmopolitan Club, Chesapeake and Elizabeth City
Member of the Norfolk Cosmopolitan Club and Board of Directors of the Cosmopolitan Foundation
Past Charter President of the Great Bridge Kiwanis Club
Former Member, Chesapeake Kiwanis Club
Member, Legion of Honor, Kiwanis International
Member, Corinthian Masonic Lodge 266; John Walters 68; Great Bridge 82 Royal Arch Chapters; Grice Commandery 16; Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies, 32nd Degree Mason; Khedive Shrine Temple, Chesapeake Shrine Club, and former Vice-President, Elizabeth City Shrine Club, Norfolk Police & Fire Square Club
Member, Chesapeake Better Business Club
Former Member, Deep Creek Ruritan Club
Life Member, Order of Eagles
Life Member, The Robert Graham Chapter 26 of Disabled American Veterans
Life Member, U.S. Marine Corps League
Member, MacArthur Chapter of the Order of the U.S. Army
Member, American Legion Post 141
Member, Navy League
Founding Member, Chesapeake Business and Professional Forum
Honorary Member, Epsilon Delta Chi Sigma Chapter

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Served on many health and civic organizations
Active Public Speaker
Member, International Platform Speakers Association
U. S. Marine Veteran serving in the Criminal Investigation Division.
Moderator of weekly television show
Moderator of television and radio shows which involved conversations with the Mayor
1986 Chairman of the Cerebral Palsy Telethon Campaign
Formerly associated with the late Ernie Kovac's Show
Former Account Executive with WTAR
Former Sales Manager of WGH Radio
President and Founding President of the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic which was founded to provide health care for the working poor and those who don't qualify for health insurance
Member of Board of Trustees of Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Foundation Inc.
Member of Executives Club of Hampton Roads

CHURCH AFFILIATIONS:

Former Vice Chairman of the Administrative Board, Former Lay Leader, Chairman of the Building Committee, Sunday School teacher of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Chesapeake, VA
Former member of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth City and former Sunday School teacher of the Men's Bible Class
Served as teacher of Crusader Bible Class, Epworth United Methodist Church & Admin Board for 10 years

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Former Vice Chairman, Southeastern Public Service Authority
Former Member, Tidewater Regional Transportation District Commission
Chairman of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development, City of Chesapeake, 1988
Created the Mayor's Task Force on Poverty, Mayor's Task Force on Drugs, Mayor's Committee on Youth, Mayor's Committee on Teenage Pregnancy and Mayor's Committee on Housing in Chesapeake and Elizabeth City

STATE GOVERNMENT:

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (appointed by Governor)
Former Vice Chairman, Urban Section Virginia Municipal League
Served on the Advisory Council of the Commonwealth College System of Virginia
Finance Committee of the College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC
Former Vice Chairman - Transportation Policy Committee, North Carolina Municipal League
Former Vice Chairman Transportation, Public Safety Policy Committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities
Driving force to four lane Route 17 and Route 168 in Virginia
Former Host weekly show - Call to City Hall - WGAI
Former Host weekly show - Mayor's Report - WCNC
Former Member, Virginia Municipal League Executive Board
Member, Virginia State Public Safety Review Commission, Economic Development Committee

NATIONAL:

Served on the U. S. Conference of Mayors Executive Board and International Mayor's Council (Community & Economic Development Committee and Transportation Committee, Energy/Environment Committee of the International Mayors Council)
Former Chairman, Urban Section

ESTABLISHED:

A council liaison structure in Chesapeake and Elizabeth City. He presented this program at U. S. Conference of Mayors, and it has been adopted by 36 cities

AN EXPERIENCED FACILITATOR:

Moderating seminars and retreats for government agencies, governing bodies, management and elected officials, and department heads

INTERNATIONAL:

Attended the International Conference of Funeral Service in 1996 in Egypt and again in the British Isles in 1999
Attended the International Conference of Funeral Service in 2001 in Germany, France, Netherlands and Switzerland 2001