



Ray A. Newton is the President and Chairman of the Board of Brown Chapel Cemetery Association, Inc. (BCCA, Inc.) in Hallettsville Texas.

As President, Ray leads a diverse management team that is working to deliver BCCA's vision of "restoring the value and legacy of our ancestors through cemetery restoration." Under his leadership, BCCA has implemented the "it factor", inclusion and transparency, which creates an environment that encourages collaboration, communication, and empowerment. BCCA combines team building events with its Quarterly Business Meetings (QBM) as a way to support this culture and promote a family atmosphere. Each team member is given a voice and encouraged to turn challenges into opportunities, all while sharing and delivering the message.

Before becoming President of BCCA, Ray served over 26 years in the United States Army as a Military Intelligence Soldier and Senior Warrant Officer. He brings the seven Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage to the BCCA team. He has led, managed, and trained soldiers, both in overseas combat and on American soil. These experiences contribute to Ray's extensive knowledge and understanding of the physical and emotional demands of leadership and teambuilding. He was also the Co-Chairman of the Brown Chapel United Methodist Church for six years while still on active duty in the Army.

After retiring from the Army in 2011, Ray established BCCA, Inc., as a 501(c) (13) cemetery non-profit organization and became its first President. After accepting a special military assignment, Ray resigned in 2012. From February 2012 to the present, Ray works in the Washington, D.C. Region and is currently an Executive Officer and Project Manager.

Ray was honored as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars for his "commitment to the ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service" while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He has a Master of Art in Management and Leadership and is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) from Trident University International.

Ray is a Dis-Abled Veteran (DAV) and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He is also a member of the American Legion, Wounded Warriors, and Army Aviation Association of America. Ray is originally from Hallettsville Texas but currently resides in Southern Maryland with his wife the former Brenda Herring. He has two daughters, DiAnna and Candice, five granddaughters, and two grandsons.