

Biography Second Speaker: Dr. Steve Scroggs, Ph.D

With over 25 years of experience, Dr. Steve Scroggs has significant expertise in government affairs at the state, national and international levels. He is responsible for strategic outreach and the establishment and maintenance of federal, state and local government relationships on behalf of ValueOptions' Federal and Public Sector Divisions' mental health wellness programs. Dr. Scroggs' is currently developing more effective programs tailored for the nation's deployed and returning warriors and family members on both the federal and state levels.

Earlier, Dr. Scroggs was a co-founder and Executive Vice President of Government Affairs for Calvert Health Partners, LLC.,. He was responsible for the strategic assessment of state and federal policies impacting the direction of Calvert Health. As Vice President of Government Affairs for Sierra Military Health Services from 2001-2004, Dr. Scroggs led the government relations and marketing efforts for a 750 employee, \$450M health care company operating in a 13-state region.

Prior to joining Sierra, Dr. Scroggs served as a consultant with MPRI in Washington, DC where he worked with active duty General Officers to enhance the effectiveness of their outreach to Capitol Hill. This work built on twenty years of distinguished service as an Army infantry officer. Working for the Office of the Secretary of the Army in Legislative Affairs, he successfully spearheaded advocacy efforts with Congress that resulted in Congressional support for strategic programs and resources of importance to the Army. As an American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellow, he worked on military and veterans affairs issues for Congressman John Spratt, a senior member of the House Armed Services and Budget Committees.

Dr. Scroggs also effectively utilized his government and corporate outreach efforts internationally, as Director of Asia Operations for the State of North Carolina in Tokyo, Japan from 1997-2000. During this period, he worked closely with Governor Jim Hunt, and other executive and legislative branch officials to help bring in a record amount of Asian investment to North Carolina and received the highest civilian honor the Governor of North Carolina can bestow.

A North Carolina native, he graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medicine and earned a Master of Arts and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University. Dr Scroggs taught American government and policymaking as an assistant professor at the US Military Academy at West Point. He authored a highly regarded and referenced book on Army Relations with Congress, published in 2000 by Praeger Publishers, that was later translated for international sale. He is a frequent public speaker on Congressional-military issues.

Scroggs' military honors include two awards of the Army Legion of Merit Medal, three awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He lives in Alexandria Virginia and is married with two young children.