

**MEL CHASKIN
PRESIDENT AND CEO
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Mel Chaskin is the President and CEO of Vanguard Research, Inc. (VRI), a small business focused on system engineering/integration, technology transfer, information management and technology, system acquisition and issues dealing with communications, command and control. Mel began his career as a Software Engineer with Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation. He was a system flight test pilot with Lear Siegler, Inc. and in 1971 entered into Civil Service with the U.S. Government. His assignments included Deputy Director, and Program Manager of Tactical Loran for the U.S. Air Force; Director, Advanced Space Communications; and Director of the Test and Evaluation program for the Lincoln Experimental Satellites, LES 8 and 9. He was the Assistant Deputy for the World-Wide Military Command and Control System (WWMCCS) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As the Assistant Deputy, he was responsible for strategic and national capability of WWMCCS. Mr. Chaskin directly supported the Assistant Secretary of Defense (C³I) and developed improved concepts and analytical techniques for both domestic and international performance of the system in support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Congress.

In 1981, Mel left Government service and joined Horizons Technology, Inc. as Corporate Vice President and President of the Washington Division. In March, 1984 Mel started VRI and has guided it to be selected to *Inc.* 500 Fastest Growing Companies and Mid-Atlantic FAST 50 High Tech companies. He was also selected as Small Business Administration Person for the Year in 1990. Mel also holds 3 Patents (Space Vehicle and Methodology, and VIPUR Filtration System).

Mel's other activities include: Member of the President of the United States' Management Improvement Council (Department of Defense representative); President of the Mid-Atlantic Fast 50 technical companies; Director, Professional Services Council; Director, U.S. Committee Sports for Israel; U.S. Maccabiah Committee, Chairman Open Basketball; Member, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) – Superintendent's Advisory Council; Member; Virginia Administrator of the Girls Soccer Olympic Development Program/Region I Administration Staff; Senior Member, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; Chairman, Virginia-Israel Advisory Board; Chairman, Board of Trustees for the Center for Excellence in Education; Member, George Mason University Hillel Community Board, Member, Fairfax County Supervisor's Economic Advisory Committee; Director, Cardinal Bank NA Board of Directors: Board of Visitors of George Mason University and is a member of the committees for Equal Opportunity Student Life and Chairman of Audit. Mel has also provided expert testimony in

Federal Court on Government contracting.

Mel was born in New York City and received a B.S. degree from New York University in Management; took courses in Contract Law – U.S. Government, 1976; and Electronic Warfare at the Naval Post Graduate School in 1977. Mel was married on August 29, 1965 to Mary G. Reifer and resides in Clifton, Virginia. They have two children and 4 grandchildren.

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