

JOHN R. McCOY
Governmental Affairs Director
Tulalip Tribes

Mr. McCoy was born on the Tulalip Reservation but raised on the West Coast, as his father was a career Navy man. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1961 after spending a summer fishing for salmon on the Tulalip Reservation. John's first four years was as a communications operator in Texas, Turkey, Germany, Washington State, and the Philippines. During his Philippine tour, he cross-trained into Communications Computer Operations and moved on to Illinois and Oklahoma where he cross-trained again into Communications Computer programming. From there, John moved on to Texas and Maryland, retired from the U.S. Air Force, and went to work for Sperry Univac in Virginia. Sperry and Burroughs merged and became Unisys, where John worked for 12 years, including eight in management. Most of his first four years with Unisys was on contract to the White House.

In February 1994, John returned to the Tulalip reservation as the business manager. In June of 1996, the Tribes realized the need for a Governmental Affairs office to address federal and state issues and to the relationship between the local jurisdictions and business community. The Tulalip Tribes Governmental Affairs office is charged with interfacing with other tribes, city, county, state and federal governments, working with the business community and with the print and electronic media.

In April 2001, John was given the additional duty of General Manager for the Quil Ceda Village, which was created to administer to the infrastructure needs of the Tulalip Business Park.

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