



Ambassador John Rood (Ret.)

Ambassador John Rood began his real estate career in 1983 as founder of The Vestcor Companies, a prominent business focused on brokerage of multifamily properties, real estate investments, development, and construction.

In September of 2004, President George W. Bush appointed Mr. Rood as United States Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas where he served until 2007. The Ambassador's commitment to public and professional service is reflected in his many activities outside his professional life.

Among many other acts of service, he is a founding member of the Tiger Academy, served on the Board of Governors of the Florida State University System and now serves as the Chairman of the Florida Prepaid College Board. Mr. Rood received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Flagler College in recognition of his public service and was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Flagler College in 2010.

He is a licensed pilot, an avid sportsman, a rancher and beekeeper. John and his wife Sonya have four children and four grandchildren.