

NEWS RELEASE BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON STAFF APPOINTMENT,  
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 23: Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) announced today the appointment of J. Fred Buzhardt, Jr., McCormick, S. C., attorney, as his legislative assistant.

Mr. Buzhardt will succeed Harry Shuler Dent of St. Matthews, S. C., who was recently promoted to the position of administrative assistant. He will begin his new duties on January 1, 1958.

In announcing the appointment, Senator Thurmond said:

I am very glad to have such an outstanding young man join my staff. I have always had the highest regard for his abilities, and he has been recommended to me as one of the most able attorneys to finish the University Law School. I am sure he will be of invaluable assistance to me in my duties in the Senate.

Mr. Buzhardt was born in Greenwood, attended high school in Edgefield and McCormick, and was graduated from McCormick High in 1941. He attended Wofford College during 1941-42 and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He served in the Air Corps until 1943 when he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Upon his graduation from West Point Mr. Buzhardt was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force, later receiving his wings as a pilot. He served in the Air Force from 1946-50 principally in Japan and Alaska.

In 1950 he entered the University of South Carolina Law School and he was subsequently graduated magna cum laude in September 1952, finishing first in his class. Since then he has been practicing law in McCormick as a member of the law firm of Buzhardt and Buzhardt. In 1955 he was named "Young Man of the Year in McCormick County." He has been active in civic affairs, serving as commander of the local American Legion Post and as president of the Exchange Club.

He is married to the former Imogene Sanders of McCormick and they have four children--Linda, Joe, George, and Jill.