

*Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs*

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS



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On September 1, 2017, Governor McAuliffe appointed Carlos Hopkins to the position of Secretary of Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security. By legislation signed on March 3, 2014, Governor McAuliffe renamed and refocused Secretary Hopkins’s post, which is now the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs.

The name change and re-organization of the office serves an important two-fold purpose. First, it is responsible for the oversight of all veterans-related issues in Virginia, executed through the Department of Veteran Services, and ensuring that a productive relationship is maintained with the military services and Department of Defense activities located within the Commonwealth.

Second, it leads Governor McAuliffe’s initiatives focused on military communities to ensure that Virginia remains the base and installation location of choice and is the most “military-friendly” state in the nation for the hundreds of thousands of Servicemen and women and their families who serve throughout the state and call Virginia home.

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**VIRGINIA MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2666.1

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Virginia Military Advisory Council is established as an advisory council, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government, to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between the Commonwealth and the leadership of the several Armed Forces of the United States and the military commanders of such Armed Forces stationed in the Commonwealth, and to encourage regular communication on continued military facility viability, the exploration of privatization opportunities and issues affecting preparedness, public safety and security.

Composition:

The Council shall be composed of 11 members as follows: the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Adjutant General, the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Chairman of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws, or their designees, and five members to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Representatives of the major military commands and installations located in the Commonwealth or in jurisdictions adjacent thereto shall be invited by the Governor to represent their command or installation at the meetings of the Council. Any legislative member who is appointed by the Governor shall serve a term coincident with his term of office.

Term:

Pleasure of the Governor

Membership:

**Gubernatorial Appointees**

Vivian Greentree, Alexandria  
Michael J. McCalip, Woodbridge  
Terron Sims, II, Arlington  
John Taylor, Skippers

**Appointees by the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States**

Major General Michael L. Howard, Commanding General, Joint Forces  
Headquarters – National Capital Region, Military District of Washington  
Major General Paul C. Hurley, Jr., Commanding General, Combined Arms  
Support Command  
Major General Malcolm B. Frost, Commander, Center for Initial Military  
Training U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command  
Major General Anthony “Tony” Funkhouser, Deputy Commanding General,  
Military and International Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers  
Headquarters USACE (CEMP-ZA)  
Rear Admiral John C. Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic  
Rear Admiral Meredith L. Austin, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District  
Rear Admiral Anne Swap, Commander, Navy Medicine East, Naval Medical  
Center Portsmouth  
Rear Admiral Charles Rock, Commandant, Naval District Washington  
Brigadier General Linda S. Hurry, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency –  
Aviation  
Brigadier General R. Patrick Huston, Commanding General, The Judge  
Advocate General's Legal Center and School  
Colonel Sean K. Tyler, Commander, Joint Base Langley-Eustis  
Colonel Joseph M. Murray, Commander, United States Marine Corps Base  
Quantico  
Colonel Patrick M. Duggan, Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
Colonel Adam W. Butler, Garrison Commander, Fort Lee  
Captain Michael O'Leary, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South  
Potomac  
Captain Rick Wester, Commander, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads  
Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Tomlinson, Garrison Commander, Fort Belvoir  
Captain Scott Brown, Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

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Captain Matthew Kosnar, Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station  
Yorktown  
Captain John C. Vann, Commanding Officer, United States Coast Guard  
Training Center Yorktown  
Captain Richard Meadows, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana  
Captain Rich McDaniel, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk  
Colonel Jason E. Kelly, Commander, United States Army Corps of Engineers,  
Norfolk District  
Captain Joey L. Frantzen, Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little  
Creek-Fort Story  
Captain Brenda Kerr, Commander, United States Coast Guard Portsmouth  
Colonel Ralph L. Clayton, III, Commander, 733rd Mission Support  
Group/United States Army Support Activity  
Captain Jack Freeman, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Hampton  
Roads  
Captain Jeff Lock, Sr., Commanding Officer, Surface Combat Systems Center  
Lieutenant Colonel Paul Gravely, Garrison Commander, Fort Pickett  
Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Jordan, Garrison Commander, Fort A.P. Hill  
Lieutenant Colonel Jim Scott, Commander, Radford Army Ammunition Plant  
Michael Williams, President, Army Logistics University, 2401 Quarters Road

**Designated Members**

Carlos Hopkins, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs  
Ralph S. Northam, Lieutenant Governor  
Mark Herring, Attorney General  
Benjamin L. Cline, Chair, House Committee on Militia, Police, and Public  
Safety  
Bryce Reeves, designee for Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Chairman of the Senate  
Committee on General Laws and Technology

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES**

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Internet: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>

Code Reference: § 2.2-2000 et seq.

Purpose, Powers and Duties: The Department shall be responsible for the establishment, operation, administration, and maintenance of offices and programs related to services for veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their Virginia-domiciled surviving spouses, orphans, and dependents. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, benefits claims processing and all medical care centers and cemeteries for veterans owned and operated by the Commonwealth.

Term: Pleasure of the Governor. The Commissioner shall be a veteran who has received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States.

Commissioner: John L. Newby, II

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**BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES**

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2452 et seq.

Purpose, Powers and Duties: Advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Veterans Services upon such matters as may arise in the performance of his duties; Investigate

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issues related to the provision of care and services to veterans, upon request of the Commissioner of Veterans Services or the Governor; Study all matters affecting the welfare of Virginia citizens who are veterans or dependents or survivors of such veterans, and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services; Develop recommendations for policies and procedures related to the efficient and effective delivery of the services provided by the Department of Veterans Services; Establish policies related to the coordinated delivery of veterans services, in consultation with those agencies, entities, and organizations, including counties, cities, towns or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth capable of providing such services; Monitor the administration of all laws concerning veterans and their dependents; Review and advise the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services on the Department's strategic plan; Based on rigorous cost-benefit-value analysis, provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Services regarding future projects and the acquisition of facilities that may benefit the State's veterans, including but not limited to veterans cemeteries and veterans care centers; and Provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Services Foundation created in §2.2-2715 regarding gifts, grants, and other resources from public and private entities and organizations to support veterans services.

Composition: The Board shall have a total membership of 22 members, including five legislative members, 14 nonlegislative citizen members, and three ex officio members. Members shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; two members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 14 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation, and the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, or their designees, shall serve ex officio with full voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

In making appointments, the Governor shall endeavor to ensure a balanced geographical representation on the Board, while at the same time selecting appointees of such qualifications and experience as will allow them to develop reasonable and effective policy recommendations related to the services provided to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents by the Department of Veterans Services.

Term: Legislative members and the Commissioner shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. However, no House member shall serve more than four consecutive two-year terms, no Senate member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Paige D. Cherry, Portsmouth ..... term expires 6/30/18
- William G. Haneke, Chesterfield..... term expires 6/30/18
- Susan B. Hippen, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/18
- James O. Icenhour, Jr., Williamsburg ..... term expires 6/30/18
- Joana Concepcion Garcia, Fairfax Station ..... term expires 6/30/19
- Nickolaus William Kesler, Williamsburg ..... term expires 6/30/19
- Chris Chon, Alexandria ..... term expires 6/30/20
- Michael E. Dick, Earlysville ..... term expires 6/30/20
- Belinda Pinckney, Fairfax..... term expires 6/30/20
- Victor Sean Angry, Woodbridge ..... term expires 6/30/21
- Carl B Bedell, Arlington ..... term expires 6/30/21

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Efrain Reyes, Fredericksburg..... term expires 6/30/21  
Mahboba Lyla Kohistany, Alexandria ..... term expires 6/30/21  
Julie K Waters, McLean ..... term expires 6/30/21

**Senate Appointees**

Senator Bryce E. Reeves, Fredericksburg  
Senator Jennifer T. Wexton, Leesburg

**House Appointees**

Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Woodbridge  
Delegate Kathleen J. Murphy, McLean  
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, Virginia Beach

**Ex-Officio**

John L. Newby II, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services  
Rich Schollmann, Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees  
Marie Juliano, Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Services Organizations

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**JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2681 et seq.

Purpose, Powers and Duties: Advise the Department of Veterans Services and the General Assembly regarding (i) methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs, and (ii) addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis; Recommend issues that may potentially impact veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their Virginia-domiciled surviving spouses, orphans, and dependents; Advise the Department of Veterans Services and the Board of Veterans Services on matters of concern to Virginia-domiciled veterans and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents; Promote and support existing veterans services and programs; Recommend and promote implementation of new efficient and effective administrative initiatives that enhance existing veterans services and programs or provide for necessary veterans services and programs not currently provided; and Maintain a nonpartisan approach to maintaining and improving veterans services and programs in the Commonwealth.

Composition: The Council shall be composed of one representative from each qualifying veterans service organization and appointed by the Governor. Qualifying veterans service organizations shall be (i) composed principally of and controlled by veterans of the United States Armed Forces, (ii) a registered nonprofit organization in good standing, incorporated for the purpose of promoting programs designed to assist veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their Virginia-domiciled surviving spouses, orphans, and dependents, and (iii) active and in good standing with its parent national organization, if such a parent organization exists. The Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services and the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Term: Three years. No more than two successive three-year terms.

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

William Benedict Ashton, Fredericksburg..... term expires 6/30/18  
Harold H. Barton, Yorktown..... term expires 6/30/18  
Daniel Dean Boyer, Galax ..... term expires 6/30/18  
John R. Clickener, Tappahannock ..... term expires 6/30/18  
James Cuthbertson, Glen Allen..... term expires 6/30/18

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Danal H. Dennison, Arlington ..... term expires 6/30/18
Robert Steven Herbert, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/18
Curtis B Jennings, Newport News ..... term expires 6/30/18
Marie Gabrielle Juliano, Dumfries..... term expires 6/30/18
Raymond L Kenney, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/18
Richard A Mansfield, Hampton ..... term expires 6/30/18
Richard Carl Oertel, Colonial Heights ..... term expires 6/30/18
Jon Robert Ostrowski, Oakton ..... term expires 6/30/18
Adam Christopher Provost, Charlottesville..... term expires 6/30/18
Glenn Robert Rodriguez, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/18
Robert Allen Sempek, Midlothian ..... term expires 6/30/18
David K Sitler, Midlothian ..... term expires 6/30/18
Perry Chester Taylor, Salem ..... term expires 6/30/18
L. Timothy Whitmore, Suffolk ..... term expires 6/30/18
Frank G. Wickersham, Warrenton ..... term expires 6/30/18
Lauren Augustine, Woodbridge ..... term expires 6/30/19
William Barrett, Midlothian..... term expires 6/30/19
Bob Huffman, Colonial Heights ..... term expires 6/30/19
Kenneth Bryce Shelton, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/19

Ex-Officio

Jim Icenhour, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
Rich Schollmann, Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees
John L. Newby, II, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services

VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Code Reference: § 2.2-2715 et seq.

Purpose, Powers and Duties: To provide funding for veteran services and programs in the Commonwealth through the Veterans Services Fund (the Fund).

Composition: The board of trustees of the Foundation shall consist of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and the Chairmen of the Board of Veterans Services and the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio voting trustees, and 16 trustees to be appointed as follows: eight nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Governor; five nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and three nonlegislative citizens appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. A majority of the appointed trustees shall be active or retired chairmen, chief executive officers, or chief financial officers for large private corporations or nonprofit organizations or individuals who have extensive fundraising experience in the private sector. Trustees appointed shall, insofar as possible, be veterans. Each appointing authority shall endeavor to ensure a balanced representation among the officer and enlisted ranks of the armed services and geographical representation on the board of trustees to facilitate fundraising efforts across the state.

Term: Members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Membership: Gubernatorial Appointees

John Lesinski, Washington, D.C..... term expires 6/30/18
Mattice J. Wright, Dunn Loring ..... term expires 6/30/18
Nicole B. Carry, Norfolk ..... term expires 6/30/19
Jack O. Lanier, Richmond ..... term expires 6/30/19
Thomas V. Mulrine, Leesburg ..... term expires 6/30/19
S. Bradford Antle, Haymarket ..... term expires 6/30/20
Francis A. Finelli, McLean ..... term expires 6/30/20
Kathleen B. Levingston, Chesapeake..... term expires 6/30/20

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**Senate Appointees**

Walter A. Stosch.....term expires 6/30/18  
James B. Boyd.....term expires 6/30/19  
Francis J. Driscoll.....term expires 6/30/20

**House Appointees**

Randall L. West, Marshall.....term expires 6/30/18  
Paul F. Haughton Jr. ....term expires 6/30/19  
Meade A. Spotts.....term expires 6/30/19  
Albert G. Pianalto.....term expires 6/30/20  
Richard A. Schollmann.....term expires 6/30/20

**Ex-Officio**

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Jim Icenhour, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services  
Marie Juliano, Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

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**VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL BOARD**

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2465

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Virginia War Memorial Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board within the meaning of §2.2-2100 for the purpose of supporting the Virginia War Memorial. The Board shall have the power and duty to advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services concerning: The management, control, maintenance, and operation of the Virginia War Memorial, including the contents, furnishings, grounds, funds, property, and endowments thereof; Fees for the use of the Memorial; 3. Programs and activities that may and should be carried out at the Memorial; and Regulations for the use of and visitation to the Memorial.

Composition:

The Board shall have a total membership of 24 members that shall consist of 10 legislative members, 10 nonlegislative citizen members, and four ex officio members as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; 10 nonlegislative citizen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly; and the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, and the Chairman of the Virginia War Memorial Education Foundation, or their designees, who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. A majority of the Board shall be members or veterans of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard. Members appointed should include representatives of some or all of the various veterans organizations active in Virginia, as the Governor deems appropriate.

Term:

Except for initial appointments, all nonlegislative citizen member appointments shall be for terms of three years. Legislative members, the Commissioner of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services, the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, and the Chairman of the Virginia War Memorial Education Foundation shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. All members may be reappointed. However, no nonlegislative citizen member shall be eligible to serve for more than four successive three-year terms. No Senate member shall be



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eligible to serve more than three successive four-year terms and no member of the House of Delegates shall be eligible to serve more than six successive two-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve at his pleasure.

Membership:

**Gubernatorial Appointees**

Joshua Lavon King, Woodbridge..... term expires 6/30/18  
Naveed A. Shah, Fairfax..... term expires 6/30/18  
James A. Zollar, Mechanicsville..... term expires 6/30/18  
Robert Charles Hannon, Smithfield ..... term expires 6/30/19  
Francis Caroline Lane, McLean..... term expires 6/30/19  
Kathleen Owens, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/19  
April C. Cheek-Messier, Bedford ..... term expires 6/30/20  
Bernard L. Henderson, Richmond ..... term expires 6/30/20  
Karen M Halverson, Alexandria ..... term expires 6/30/20  
Keith W McIntosh, Richmond ..... term expires 6/30/20

**Senate Appointees**

Senator Richard H. Black, Leesburg  
Senator William R. DeSteph, Jr., Virginia Beach  
Senator John S. Edwards, Roanoke  
Senator Jeremy McPike, Dale City

**House Appointees**

Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Woodbridge  
Delegate David L. Bulova, Fairfax  
Delegate Buddy Fowler, Jr., Glen Allen  
Delegate Thomas A. Greason, Potomac Falls  
Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter, Woodbridge  
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Richmond

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