

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs and
Homeland Security*

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Location: 1111 East Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Tel. (804) 225-3826 Fax (804) 225-3882
Internet: www.vahs.virginia.gov

Terrie SuitSecretary
James Hopper..... Deputy Secretary
Mike McAllister..... Deputy Secretary
Mike Coleman..... BRAC Coordinator
Brandon de Graaf..... Assistant Secretary
Julie Gifford..... Regional Military Liaison
Chris McIntosh..... Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator
Mary Donny..... Commonwealth Interoperability Strategic Planner
Emily Nunez..... Commonwealth Interoperability Program Manager

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Tammie Cox.....Executive Assistant, Interoperability
Duane Stafford.....Statewide Credentialing Coordinator
Sue Snider.....UASI State Program Manager/NCR Liaison
Mike Landefeld.....Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator
Richard Hairston.....Homeland Security Projects Administrator
Brandon Smith.....Homeland Security Projects Administrator
Jeremiah Hockman.....Homeland Security Projects Coordinator
Adam Smith.....Special Assistant
Wendy Hoffman.....Executive Assistant

In 2010 Governor Bob McDonnell initiated legislative action which changed and re-organized the former Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) into the current Office of Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (OVAHS). In April of 2011 Terrie L. Suit was appointed by Governor McDonnell to the position of Secretary of Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security after previously serving as Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness. The name change and re-organization of the office serves an important two-fold purpose. First, it distinguishes and elevates veteran's issues in the Commonwealth of Virginia, a major priority of Governor McDonnell's. Second, it serves to clarify the all hazards role and responsibilities of the office under the universally recognized Homeland Security title. With this legislation the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) was moved from the Office of Public Safety to the Office of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security along with the Virginia War Memorial. The Office continues to lead the Governor's initiatives focused on relationship building with the active duty military community, response to Base Realignment and Closure actions, Veterans issues and Homeland Security initiatives.

SECURE COMMONWEALTH PANEL

Code Reference: § 2.2-233

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Panel shall monitor and assess the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives and where necessary to review, evaluate, and make recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Panel shall facilitate cabinet-level coordination among the various agencies of state government related to emergency preparedness and shall facilitate private sector preparedness and communication. The Panel shall make quarterly reports to the Governor concerning the state's emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and prevention efforts.

Composition:

The Panel shall consist of 34 members as follows: three members of the House of Delegates and two nonlegislative citizens to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate of Virginia and two nonlegislative citizens to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Lieutenant Governor; the Attorney General; the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia; Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Secretary of Technology and the Secretary of Transportation or their designees; two local first responders; three local government representatives; two physicians with knowledge of public health; four members from the business or industry sector; and four citizens from the Commonwealth at large. Except for appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Senate Committee on Rules, all other appointments shall be made by the Governor. Additional ex officio members may be appointed to the Panel by the Governor at his discretion.

Chairman:

Terrie Suit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

Term:

Legislative members shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office or until their successors shall qualify. Nonlegislative citizen members shall serve for terms of four years. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security shall be the chairman of the Panel.

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

- Paul T. Conway, Falls Church term expires 6/30/14
- Glen Dell Hill, Gainesville term expires 6/30/14
- Joe Inge, Williamsburg term expires 6/30/14
- Anna M. McRay, Henrico..... term expires 6/30/14
- Bert K. Mizusawa, McLean..... term expires 6/30/14
- Jim Redick, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/14
- Cynthia Romero-Munoz term expires 6/30/14
- Norris A. Royston, Jr., Marshall term expires 6/30/14
- David J. Waldman, Bristow term expires 6/30/14
- Charles L. Werner, Charlottesville..... term expires 6/30/14
- Barclay C. Winn, Norfolk..... term expires 6/30/14
- Mike Melo, Yorktown term expires 6/30/15
- David Wright, Midlothian term expires 6/30/15
- Carl Daniel Jenkins, Midlothian term expires 6/30/15
- Dario Marquez, Vienna..... term expires 6/30/15

Senate Appointees

- Senator R. Creigh Deeds, Bath
- Senator Ralph S. Northam, Norfolk
- Senator John C. Watkins, Powhatan
- Margaret G. Vanderhye, McLean term expires 6/30/14
- Joseph F. Bouchard, Chesapeake term expires 6/30/14

House Appointees

- Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr., Norfolk
- Delegate John M. O’Bannon, III, Richmond
- Delegate Beverly J. Sherwood, Winchester
- Michael D. Guevremont.....term expires 6/30/14
- James F. Horton, Fredericksburg.....term expires 6/30/14

Designated Members

- William T. Bolling, Lieutenant Governor
- Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II, Attorney General
- Jim Cheng, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- Sean Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation
- Marla Graff Decker, Secretary of Public Safety
- Jim Duffey, Secretary of Technology
- Bill Hazel, Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- Terrie Suit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
- Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia

VIRGINIA MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Code Reference: § 2.2-2666.1

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Virginia Military Advisory Council (the Council) is hereby created 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 28 members as follows: the Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Adjutant

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

General, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, the Chairman of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws, or their designees; four members, one of whom shall be a representative of the Virginia Defense Force, to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and 17 members, including representatives of major military commands and installations located in the Commonwealth or in jurisdictions adjacent thereto, who shall be requested to serve by the Governor after consideration of the persons nominated by the Secretaries of the Armed Forces of the United States. However, any legislative member who is appointed by the Governor shall serve a term coincident with his term of office. The provisions of § ~~49-1~~ shall not apply to federal civilian officials and military personnel appointed to the Council.

Term: Pleasure of the Governor

Membership: **Gubernatorial Appointees**

Norma Oller Magpoc, Virginia Beach
Donald P. Loren, Alexandria
John D. Taylor, Skippers
vacant

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

Air Force

Colonel Korvin D. Auch, Langley Air Force Base

Army

Colonel Carl R. Coffman, Fort Myer
Colonel Rodney Edge, Fort Lee
Lieutenant Colonel Jack Haefner, Fort A.P. Hill
Major General James L. Hodge, Fort Lee
Major General Michael Linnington, Joint Force Headquarters/National Capital Region/Military District of Washington
Colonel John Strycula Fort Belvoir

Marine Corps

Colonel Daniel J. Choike, Quantico

Navy

Rear Admiral Townsend G. Alexander, Navy Region Mid Atlantic
Captain Peter Nette, Dahlgren

Coast Guard

Captain Mark Ogle, Sector Hampton Roads, Portsmouth

Designated Members

William T. Bolling, Lieutenant Governor
Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II, Attorney General
Marla Graff Decker, Secretary of Public Safety
Terrie Suit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
L. Scott Lingamfelter, Chair, House Committee on Militia and Police
Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws
Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr., Adjutant General

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Location: 900 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Tel. (804) 786-0286 Fax (804) 786-0302
Internet: www.dvs.virginia.gov

Code Reference: § 2.2-2000

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: Paul E. Galanti

BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES

Code Reference: § 2.2-2452

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 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;

Composition: 19 members that includes five legislative members, 11 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; 11 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor; the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to serve ex officio with full voting privileges; and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Veterans Services Foundation and the Chairman of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations to serve ex officio without voting privileges

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**

- Don Lecky, Richmond term expires 6/30/12
- Alfredo J. Sample, Yorktown term expires 6/30/12
- William Nicholas, Dinwiddie term expires 6/30/12
- John A. Anderson, Williamsburg..... term expires 6/30/13
- Thad A. Jones, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/13
- Sandra D. Love, Chesapeake term expires 6/30/13
- vacant..... term expires 6/30/13
- Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond term expires 6/30/14

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Katherine Ward Kohler, Arlington term expires 6/30/14
George R. Melnyk, Sr., Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/14
William G. Haneke, Chesterfield..... term expires 6/30/14

Senate Appointees

Senator John Edwards, Roanoke
Senator Toddy Puller, Mount Vernon

House Appointees

Delegate Mamye E. BaCote, Newport News
Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Woodbridge
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, Virginia Beach

Ex-Officio

Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
David H. Holt, Chair, Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees
Jenny M. Holbert, Chair, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Services Organizations

JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Code Reference: § 2.2-2681

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

Advise the Department of Veterans Services 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; Promote and support existing veterans services and programs;

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

Henry Doctor, Centreville..... term expires 6/30/09
Michala Smith, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/09
Daniel D. Boyer, Galax..... term expires 6/30/12
Bruce L. Brown, Disputanta term expires 6/30/12
David R. Coffield, Williamsburg..... term expires 6/30/12
George T. Coker, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/12
Michael J. Coleman, Colonial Heights..... term expires 6/30/12
George R. Corbett, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/12
Matthew H. Dailey, Alexandria..... term expires 6/30/12
Roger Dimsdale, Alexandria..... term expires 6/30/12

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Francis J. Driscoll, Chesapeake term expires 6/30/12
Raymond Wesley Edwards, Lancaster..... term expires 6/30/12
Robert P. Fairchild, Hampton term expires 6/30/12
Carmen D. Gentile, Midlothian..... term expires 6/30/12
Jenny M. Holbert, Fredericksburg term expires 6/30/12
Lloyd N. Jackson, Salem term expires 6/30/12
James F. Jones, Jr., Richmond term expires 6/30/12
Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond term expires 6/30/12
David K. Martinez, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/12
Thomas O. Moran, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/12
Jeffrey L. Platte, Williamsburg term expires 6/30/12
Brett P. Reistad, Manassas..... term expires 6/30/12
Robert Bruce Steeley, Mechanicsville term expires 6/30/12
Abe Zino, Fredericksburg term expires 6/30/12
William E. Townsley, Yorktown term expires 6/30/13

Ex-Officio

Thad A. Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services
David H. Holt, Chair, Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees
Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services

VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Code Reference: § 2.2-2715

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 Commissioner of Veterans Services 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 members, and 16 members to be appointed as follows: (i) 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 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 geographical representation on the Board 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

Supriya Christopher, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/12
Leroy P. Gross, Hampton..... term expires 6/30/12
Frederic Leigh, Manassas term expires 6/30/12
Peter B. Trainer, Alexandria term expires 6/30/14
Juanita S. Farrow, Williamsburg..... term expires 6/30/14
James Cuthbertson, Glen Allen..... term expires 6/30/15
Frank Wickersham, III, Warrenton term expires 6/30/15
Jack Kavanaugh, Norfolk..... term expires 6/30/15

Senate Appointees

David N. Richardson..... term expires 6/30/12
David H. Holt, Harrisonburg term expires 6/30/14

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

James B. Boyd, Richlands term expires 6/30/15

House Appointees

Richard A. Schollmann..... term expires 6/30/12
Leo C. Waldrup, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/12
Randall L. West, Marshall term expires 6/30/14
William M. Lechler, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/14
Meade A. Spotts, Richmond term expires 6/30/14

Ex-Officio

Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Thad A. Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services
Jenny M. Holbert, Chair, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Services Organizations

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Code Reference: § 2.2-2705

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Virginia War Memorial Foundation (the Foundation) is established to serve as a policy foundation, within the meaning of § 2.2-2100, in the executive branch of state government. The Foundation shall be governed and administered by a board of trustees for the purpose of honoring patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation in time of war.

Composition:

The board of trustees shall have a total membership of 22 members that shall consist of 10 legislative members, 10 nonlegislative citizen members, and two 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 Secretary of Public Safety and the Commissioner of Veterans Services, who shall serve ex officio with voting privileges. A majority of the trustees 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 Secretary of Public Safety and the Commissioner of Veterans Services 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 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. Trustees appointed by the Governor shall serve at his pleasure.

Membership:

Gubernatorial Appointees

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

John Harper, Jr., Dumfries term expires 6/30/12
Wilma L. Vaught, Falls Church term expires 6/30/12
Frank D. Hargrove, Sr., Beaverdam term expires 6/30/12
Dale D. Chapman, Richmond term expires 6/30/13
Scott Taylor, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/13
Francis Caroline Lane, McLean term expires 6/30/13
Wade Zirkle, Woodstock term expires 6/30/14
Bert Wellington Holmes, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/14
Joe Punaro, McLean term expires 6/30/14
Samuel D. Wilder, Chester term expires 6/30/14

Senate Appointees

Senator John S. Edwards, Roanoke
Senator Mark R. Herring, Leesburg
Senator Ralph S. Northam, Norfolk
Senator Ralph K. Smith, Roanoke

House Appointees

Delegate William K. Barlow, Smithfield
Delegate Thomas A. Greason, Potomac Falls
Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter, Woodbridge
Delegate Paula J. Miller, Norfolk
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Richmond
vacant

Ex-Officio

Terrie L. Suit, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services