

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs and
Homeland Security*

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY



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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.

Membership:

Gubernatorial Appointees

Paul T. Conway, Falls Church term expires 6/30/14

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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 Thomas A. Garrett, Jr., Hadensville
Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters, Virginia Beach
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 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

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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

Rear Admiral Townsend G. "Tim" Alexander (Chair), Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic
Colonel Korvin Auch, Joint Base Commander, Joint Base Langley-Eustis
Captain Mark Bridenstine, Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard
Captain Lowell D. Crow, Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
Captain David Culler, Jr., Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk
Colonel Peter E. Dargle, Garrison Commander, Fort A.P. Hill
Colonel Rodney Edge, Garrison Commander, Fort Lee
Colonel Gregory Gadson, Garrison Commander, Fort Belvoir
Captain Robert Geis, Executive Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana
Lieutenant Colonel William Korsen, Garrison Commander, Fort Pickett
Major General Michael Linnington, Commanding General, Joint Forces Headquarters – NCR – MDW
John K. Little, Sector Hampton Roads, United States Coast Guard
Major General Daniel B. Long, The Adjutant General of Virginia
Rear Admiral (Ret) Donald P. Loren, USN
Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge, Commandant Naval District Washington
Colonel (Ret) Norma Magpoe, USA
Colonel David W. Maxwell, Commander, USMC Base Quantico
Captain Peter Nette, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac
Cynthia Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
Colonel Paul B. Olsen, Commanding Officer, US Army Corps of Engineers
Captain Charles Stuppard, Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
Colonel Fern O. Sumpter, Joint Base Commander, Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall
Rear Admiral Elain C. Wagner, Commander, Navy Medicine East Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Chief
Lieutenant General (Ret) David Weisman, USA
Colonel Thomas R. Wetherington, Commander, 733d Mission Support Group, Joint Base Langley-Eustis
Major General Larry D. Wyche, Commander, USA Combined Arms Support Command

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

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Beverly J. Sherwood, Chair, House Committee on Militia and Police, and Public Safety
Frank M. Ruff, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology
Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr., Adjutant General

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

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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 FOR 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**

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Alfredo J. Sample, Yorktown 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
L. Max Beyer, Roanoke term expires 6/30/13
Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond term expires 6/30/14
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
Don Lecky, Richmond term expires 6/30/16
William Nicholas, Dinwiddie term expires 6/30/16

Senate Appointees

Senator Bryce E. Reeves, Federicksburg
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

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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
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

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

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Francis A. Finelli, McLean term expires 6/30/16
James R. Schenck, McLean term expires 6/30/16
S. Bradford Antle, Haymarket term expires 6/30/16

Senate Appointees

David H. Holt, Harrisonburg term expires 6/30/14
James B. Boyd, Richlands term expires 6/30/15
Francis J. Driscoll term expires 6/30/16

House Appointees

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
Richard A. Schollmann term expires 6/30/16
Albert G. Pianalto term expires 6/30/16

Ex-Officio

Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Thad Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services
Donald Kaiserman, Chair, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL BOARD

Code Reference: § 2.2-2705

Purpose, Powers and Duties:

The Virginia War Memorial Board (the Board) is established as a division within the Department of Veterans Services as an advisory board within the meaning of § 2.2-2100 for the purpose of supporting the Virginia War 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 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 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

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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

John Harper, Jr., Dumfries 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
Wilma L. Vaught, Falls Church term expires 6/30/16
Frank D. Hargrove, Sr., Beaverdam term expires 6/30/16

Senate Appointees

Senator John S. Edwards, Roanoke
Senator Mark R. Herring, Leesburg
Senator Richard H. Black, Leesburg
Senator Ralph K. Smith, Roanoke

House Appointees

Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr., Norfolk
Delegate Thomas A. Greason, Potomac Falls
Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter, Woodbridge
Delegate L. Mark Dudenhefer, Stafford
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Richmond
Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Woodbridge

Ex-Officio

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Thad Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services
Donald Kaiserman, Chair, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
John Cogbill, Chair, War Memorial Education Foundation