

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS



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In December of 2013 John C. Harvey, Jr. was appointed by Governor McAuliffe to the position of Secretary of Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security. By legislation signed on March 3, 2014, Governor McAuliffe renamed and refocused Secretary Harvey'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.

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 27 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 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

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

Rear Admiral Rick Williamson, Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic
Colonel John Allen, Commander, Joint Base Langley-Eustis
Captain Scott Brown, Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard
Captain Paul Haebler, Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
Captain Robert E. Clark, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk
Lieutenant Colonel David A. Meyer, Garrison Commander, Fort A.P. Hill
Colonel Paul K. Brooks, Garrison Commander, Fort Lee

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Colonel Michelle Mitchell, Garrison Commander, Fort Belvoir
Captain Christopher Chope, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana
Lieutenant Colonel Preston Scott, Garrison Commander, Fort Pickett
Captain Jake Johansson, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads
Major General Jeffrey Buchanan, Commanding General, Joint Forces Headquarters – NCR – MDW
Captain Christopher Keane, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads
Brigadier General Timothy Williams, The Adjutant General of Virginia
Rear Admiral Markham Rich, Commandant Naval District Washington
Colonel David W. Maxwell, Commander, USMC Base Quantico
Captain Mary Feinburg, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac
Colonel Paul B. Olsen, Commanding Officer, US Army Corps of Engineers
Captain Frank Hughlett, Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
Colonel Michael D. Henderson, Commander, Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall
Rear Admiral Terry Moulton, Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
Colonel William S. Galbraith, Commander, 733d Mission Support Group, US Army Support Activity
Major General Stephen R. Lyons, Commander, USA Combined Arms Support Command
Brigadier General Mark K. Johnson, Commander, Defense Logistics Agency – Aviation

Designated Members

John C. Harvey, Jr., Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
Ralph S. Northam, Lieutenant Governor
Mark Herring, Attorney General
L. Scott Lingamfelter, 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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2000 – 2.2-2004.1

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

BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS

Code Reference: §§ 2.2-2452 – 2.2-2454

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; 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:

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, 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.

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

- William Nicholas, Dinwiddie term expires 6/30/16
- Belinda Pinckney, Fairfax..... term expires 6/30/16
- L. Max Beyer, Roanoke..... term expires 6/30/17
- Johnny G. Johnson, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/17
- Thad A. Jones, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/17
- Sandra D. Love, Chesapeake term expires 6/30/17
- William G. Haneke, Chesterfield..... term expires 6/30/18
- Susan B. Hippen, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/18
- James O. Icenhour, Jr..... term expires 6/30/18
- Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond term expires 6/30/18
- Joana Concepcion Garcia, Fairfax Station term expires 6/30/19
- Nickolaus William Kesler, Williamsburg term expires 6/30/19
- Laurie Forbes Neff, Aldie..... term expires 6/30/19

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Senate Appointees

Senator Bryce E. Reeves, Fredericksburg

House Appointees

Delegate Richard L. Anderson, Woodbridge
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, Virginia Beach

Ex-Officio

John L. Newby II, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Richard A. Schollmann, Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation Board of Trustees
Thomas O. Moran, Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Services Organizations

JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Code Reference: §§ 2.2-2681 – 2.2-2682

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 Barrett, Midlothian..... term expires 6/30/16
- Bob Huffman, Colonial Heights term expires 6/30/16
- Marie Gabrielle Juliano, Dumfries..... term expires 6/30/18
- 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
- James Cuthbertson, Glen Allen..... term expires 6/30/18
- 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

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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
Stuart H. Williams, Springfield..... term expires 6/30/18

Ex-Officio

Johnny G. Johnson, Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
Richard A. 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 – 2.2-2717

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

S. Bradford Antle, Haymarket term expires 6/30/16
Francis A. Finelli, McLean term expires 6/30/16
Kathleen B. Levingston, Chesapeake..... term expires 6/30/16
John Lesinski, Washington, D.C..... term expires 6/30/18
Matice 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

Senate Appointees

Francis J. Driscoll term expires 6/30/16
Patrick F. Webb term expires 6/30/17
James B. Boyd, Richlands term expires 6/30/19

House Appointees

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Richard A. Schollmann..... term expires 6/30/16
Albert G. Pianalto term expires 6/30/16
Randall L. West, Marshall term expires 6/30/18
William M. Lechler, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/19
Meade A. Spotts, Richmond term expires 6/30/19

Ex-Officio

John L. Newby, II Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Thad A. Jones, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
Thomas O. Moran, Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL BOARD

Code Reference: §§ 2.2-2715 – 2.2-2717

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 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 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.

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Membership:

Gubernatorial Appointees

Dale D. Chapman, Richmond term expires 6/30/16
Francis Caroline Lane, McLean term expires 6/30/16
Kathleen Owens, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/16
April C. Cheek-Messier, Bedford term expires 6/30/17
Bernard L. Henderson, Richmond term expires 6/30/17
Bert Wellington Holmes, Virginia Beach term expires 6/30/17
Joe Punaro, McLean term expires 6/30/17

Senate Appointees

Senator Richard H. Black, Leesburg
Senator John S. Edwards, Roanoke
Senator Linda T. Puller, Mount Vernon
Senator Ralph K. Smith, Roanoke

House Appointees

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

Ex-Officio

John L. Newby, II Commissioner, Department of Veterans Services
Thad A. Jones, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
Thomas O. Moran, Chairman, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
John V. Cogbill, III, Chairman, War Memorial Education Foundation