

*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

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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
- 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**

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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

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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 (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 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

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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  
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

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES**

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Code Reference: § 2.2-2000

Purpose, Powers

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- 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

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**BOARD FOR VETERANS SERVICES**

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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**

- Alfredo J. Sample, Yorktown ..... term expires 6/30/12
- Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond ..... term expires 6/30/14
- Katherine Ward Kohler, Arlington ..... term expires 6/30/14
- J. Patrick Murray, Alexandria ..... 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
- 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
- L. Max Beyer, Roanoke ..... term expires 6/30/17

**Senate Appointees**

- Senator Bryce E. Reeves, Federicksburg
- Senator Toddy Puller, Mount Vernon

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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 N. Richardson, 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
William E. Townsley, Yorktown ..... term expires 6/30/13
John J. Prendergast, Powhatan ..... term expires 6/30/15
Abe Zino, Fredericksburg ..... term expires 6/30/15
David R. Coffield, Williamsburg ..... term expires 6/30/15
George T. Coker, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/15
Shawn Otto, Williamsburg..... term expires 6/30/15
George R. Corbett, Richmond..... term expires 6/30/15
Matthew H. Dailey, Alexandria ..... term expires 6/30/15
Thomas A. Richards, Virginia Beach..... term expires 6/30/15
Glenn Rodriguez, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/15
Robert P. Fairchild, Hampton ..... term expires 6/30/15
Carmen D. Gentile, Midlothian..... term expires 6/30/15
Donald B. Kaiserman, Richmond ..... term expires 6/30/15
Allan L. McCroskey, Roanoke ..... term expires 6/30/15
Thomas O. Moran, Virginia Beach ..... term expires 6/30/15
Harold H. Barton, Jr., Yorktown..... term expires 6/30/15
James K. Clem, New Castle..... term expires 6/30/15

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Marie G. Juliano, Dumfries ..... term expires 6/30/15
Thomas F. Gimble, Fredericksburg ..... term expires 6/30/15
Richard Mansfield, Hampton ..... term expires 6/30/15
Stuart Williams, Springfield ..... term expires 6/30/15
John T. Edwards, Smithfield ..... term expires 6/30/15
Brett P. Reistad, Manassas ..... term expires 6/30/15
William Barrett, Jr., Midlothian ..... term expires 6/30/16
Robert Huffman, Colonial Heights ..... term expires 6/30/16

Ex-Officio

Thad A. Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services
David N. Richardson, 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
Tom Gordy, Bristow ..... term expires 6/30/15
Frank Wickersham, III, Warrenton ..... term expires 6/30/15
Jack Kavanaugh, Norfolk ..... term expires 6/30/15
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

vacant ..... 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



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

**Ex-Officio**

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Thad Jones, Chair, Board of Veterans Services  
Donald Kaiserman, Chair, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

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**VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL BOARD**

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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 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

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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

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