

**§ 143B-1311. Membership.**

(a) The North Carolina Military Affairs Commission shall consist of 23 voting members who are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, nonvoting members, and nonvoting ex officio members as designated in this section.

(b) The voting members of the Commission shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Thirteen members appointed by the Governor, consisting of:

- a. One person residing near Camp Lejeune, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- b. One person residing near Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- c. One person residing near Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- d. One person residing near Ft. Bragg, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- e. One person residing near Coast Guard Station Elizabeth City, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- f. Six persons who may reside in any part of the State, who are involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- g. One person who is a resident of North Carolina with a long-term connection to the State and who is a current or retired member of the North Carolina National Guard involved in a military affairs organization or involved in military issues through civil, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- h. One person who is a resident of North Carolina with a long-term connection to the State and who is a current or retired member of a reserve component of the Air Force, Army, Navy, or Marines and who is involved in a military affairs organization or involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.

(2) Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, consisting of:

- a. One member of the House of Representatives. A House member who has served in the military or has extensive experience in the area of military affairs shall be selected.
- b. One person residing near Camp Lejeune, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.

- c. One person residing near Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
  - d. One person residing near Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
  - e. One person residing near Ft. Bragg, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
- (3) Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, consisting of:
- a. One member of the Senate. A Senate member who has served in the military or has extensive experience in the area of military affairs shall be selected.
  - b. One person residing near Camp Lejeune, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
  - c. One person residing near Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
  - d. One person residing near Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.
  - e. One person residing near Ft. Bragg, who is retired from the military and is actively involved in a military affairs organization, or a person who is involved in military issues through civic, commercial, or governmental relationships.

(c) The following members of the General Assembly shall serve as nonvoting members of the Commission:

- (1) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who represents a district which contains all or any portion of one of the military installations described in sub-subdivisions b. through e. of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who represents a district which contains all or any portion of one of the military installations described in sub-subdivisions b. through e. of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The following office holders or their designee, shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission:

- (1) The Lieutenant Governor.
- (2) Secretary of Public Safety.
- (2a) Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction.
- (3) Secretary of Commerce.
- (4) The Secretary of Transportation.

- (5) The Secretary of Environmental Quality.
- (6) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- (7) Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.
- (8) The Mayor of Elizabeth City, or designee.
- (9) The Mayor of Fayetteville, or designee.
- (10) The Mayor of Goldsboro, or designee.
- (11) The Mayor of Havelock, or designee.
- (12) The Mayor of Jacksonville, or designee.
- (13) The Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration.
- (14) The President of The University of North Carolina.
- (15) The President of the North Carolina Community College System.
- (16) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(e) The following officers, or their designee, shall be invited to serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission:

- (1) Commanding General, 18th Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg.
- (2) Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East.
- (3) Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.
- (4) Commanding Officer, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.
- (5) Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.
- (6) Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Base, Elizabeth City.
- (7) Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River.
- (8) Commanding Officer, Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base.
- (9) Commanding Officer, Fleet Readiness Center East.
- (10) Commanding Officer, Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point.
- (11) Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Sector North Carolina.
- (12) Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads.

(f) The Chair of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor from the voting members of the Commission. A member of the General Assembly who is appointed to the Commission shall not vote on matters that expend funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

(g) The voting members of the Commission shall serve for two-year terms, with no prohibition against being reappointed, except initial appointments shall be for terms as follows:

- (1) The Governor shall initially appoint seven members for a term of two years and four members for a term of three years.
- (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall initially appoint the member of the Senate and two members for a term of two years and two members for a term of three years.
- (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall initially appoint the member from the House of Representatives and two members for a term of two years and two members for a term of three years.

Initial terms shall commence on August 1, 2013.

(h) The initial meeting of the Commission shall be within 30 days of the effective date of this act at a time and place to be determined by the Secretary of Commerce. The first order of business at the initial meeting of the Commission shall be the adoption of bylaws and establishment of committees, after which the Commission shall meet upon the call of the Chairman or the Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The members shall receive no compensation for attendance at meetings, except a per diem expense reimbursement. Members of the Commission who are not officers or employees of the State shall receive reimbursement for subsistence and travel expenses at rates set out in G.S. 138-5 from funds made available to the Commission. Members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the State shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence at the rates set out in

G.S. 138-6 from funds made available to the Commission. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall use funds within its budget for the per diem, subsistence, and travel expenses authorized by this subsection. (2001-424, s. 12.1; 2001-486, s. 2.9(a), (b); 2004-49, s. 1; 2011-145, ss. 9.6A, 19.1(g); 2013-227, s. 2; 2015-241, ss. 14.30(y), 24.1(l), (x); 2015-268, s. 7.3(a); 2015-297, s. 1; 2017-57, s. 19.1(c); 2018-5, s. 19.3(d); 2021-180, s. 19C.9(bbbb).)