

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Karen Holt Elected to the Association of Defense Communities Board of Directors**

Karen Holt was elected to ADC's board of directors in during the association's 2020 membership meeting in early July. A Havre de Grace, Md. resident, Karen serves as the Federal Installation Administrator for Harford County and performs liaison duties between Harford County and Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). Karen also serves as the coordinator for the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC), a multi-jurisdictional, multi-state consortium established during BRAC 2005 for collaboration for mission support of APG and economic vitality for the region. Thanks in large part to Karen's efforts, Harford County and the Chesapeake region have become an award-winning defense community with a growing mission supporting a federal footprint of more than 90 missions and agencies.

"We are very pleased to welcome Karen to our board of directors. APG is an interesting installation in that the workforce is made up largely of civilians so Karen brings a breadth of experience in military-community, installation advocacy, plus this unique perspective to our board," ADC President Joe Driskill said.

Karen guided her community through the 2005 BRAC and over the past decade has forged enduring partnerships with APG that have increased mission readiness, driven new defense sector innovations and enhanced the overall military value of the region. In 2019, Karen was awarded the Department of the Army's Commanders Award for Public Service by the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

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**About ADC**

The Association of Defense Communities (ADC) builds resilient communities that support America's military. We are the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues and installation management to enhance knowledge, information sharing and best practices. With nearly 300 communities, states, regions, and affiliated industry organizations, ADC represents every major defense community/state in the nation. For more information about ADC follow us on Twitter and Facebook @defensecomm and visit [defensecommunities.org](https://www.defensecommunities.org).

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