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Bob Ross Elected President of the Association of Defense Communities

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Association of Defense Communities (ADC) has elected Bob Ross, a Conn. resident, as President of its Board of Directors.

Bob serves as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Office of Military Affairs. The Connecticut Office of Military Affairs works on behalf of the state to promote and protect defense communities and industries and enhance quality of life for service members and their families. Bob is a retired naval officer who has remained committed to public service. He previously served as Director of Public Affairs for the United States Sixth Fleet, and as a spokesman for the Pentagon. He also was the Director of Community and Media Relations for the United States Atlantic Fleet, coordinating public affairs for over 250 ships homeported at 13 major naval bases. Bob has served on the ADC Board of Directors since 2015. He was then elected as Vice President of the Board in 2020.

"ADC accomplished great things during the last year as we quickly adjusted to the restrictive pandemic environment. Now as the nation recovers from COVID-19, the challenge for us is to bring ADC back to its highest value in connecting people, collaborating in-person, and sharing best practices to promote strong defense communities," said Bob Ross on his term. "In the year ahead, ADC will come back to a new normal as we blend our traditions with innovations developed during the pandemic. We learned some new things we'll retain to make an outstanding association even better."

Karen Holt, first elected to the board in 2020, was elected Tuesday to serve as vice president. She is the federal installation administrator for Harford County, Maryland. Joining the [board](#) as directors are Thomas Ford, director of administration of Grand Forks County, N.D.; Sal Nodjoman, chief executive officer of Matrix Design Group, Inc.; Scott Norton, executive director and chief executive officer of TexAmericas Center in New Boston, Texas; Stacey Shepard, vice president for federal and environmental solutions at Jacobs; and Jerrod Wheeler, superintendent of schools for Knob Noster Public Schools in Knob Noster, Mo.

[The Association of Defense Communities](#) 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.

Bob was elected as President during ADC's 2021 membership meeting on April 13.

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