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Elaine Bryant, Keith Graf Elected to ADC Board

Two new members were elected to the ADC board of directors during the association's annual membership meeting earlier this month in Washington, D.C. Elaine Bryant, executive vice president of aerospace and defense at the Dayton Development Coalition in Ohio and managing director of JobsOhio's military federal sector, was elected to a two-year term. Keith Graf, executive director of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, was elected to a one-year term.

"We are thrilled to welcome Elaine Bryant and Keith Graf as our newest members to the board," said ADC President Karen Holt. "Elaine's remarkable career in aerospace and defense, paired with Keith's commitment to Texas military preparedness, enriches our board with diverse perspectives and expertise. Their leadership will undoubtedly propel our mission forward, driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and championing the vital interests of our communities."

An Air Force Academy graduate, Bryant has over two decades of experience in the Air Force, finishing her career as deputy chief of the Human Systems Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. At the Dayton Development Coalition, she leads all aerospace and defense initiatives associated with Wright-Patterson, Springfield Air National Guard Base and the Dayton Veterans Affairs. Her projects include efforts to attract jobs and capital investment from the DOD and other federal entities, in addition to preserving and protecting the missions in the 14-county Dayton region through advocacy and proactive measures.

Graf serves in Gov. Greg Abbott's office as the executive director of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. He works with Texas military installations and local communities to grow missions and add military value. Graf serves on the Texas Homeland Security Council and the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station Advisory Board, chaired the Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence and Innovation at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, served as co-chair of the ADC State Advisors Council, and serves as an ex-officio member of the Texas Commanders Council.

During the meeting, five members were re-elected to three-year terms: Tom Ford, county administrator for Grand Forks County, North Dakota; Kimberly Huth, executive director of military affairs for St. Clair County, Illinois; Scott Norton, executive director and CEO of TexAmericas Center in Texas; Stacey Shepard, president of Shepard Global Strategies, LLC in Virginia; and Jerrod Wheeler, superintendent of Knob Noster Public Schools in Missouri.

About the Association of Defense Communities (ADC)

ADC is 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 as members, ADC represents every major defense community and state in the country. Visit defensecommunities.org to learn more. [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [X](#)

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