

## SECRETARY ANDREW “MAC” WARNER

West Virginia Secretary of State Andrew “Mac” Warner is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Law. He earned Master of Law degrees from the University of Virginia Law School and the Army's Judge Advocate General's School.

During his 23-year career in the United States Army, Secretary Warner served on four continents, deploying to military hot spots around the world. On one assignment, Warner took part in activities involving the capture and transfer of suspected war criminals to the International Court of Justice at the Hague. In other assignments, he served as an artilleryman, prosecutor, defense counsel, command adviser, and law instructor. He held a variety of leadership and teaching positions, culminating as the Chief of International Law for the U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. He also served on the staff at the U.S. Army War College.

Following military retirement, Secretary Warner served as a contractor with the U.S. State Department in Afghanistan for five years. There, he served as Chief of the Organizational Capacity Building Section of the world's largest Rule of Law program. He led more than 100 Afghan lawyers, translators, and administrative personnel, along with a team of international subject matter experts in advising the Afghan Supreme Court, Attorney General's office, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Women's Affairs.

Secretary Warner took his oath of office in January 2017 and quickly went to work focusing on election integrity and cybersecurity. Working closely with county clerks over the last three years, the Secretary of State posted record-setting numbers. More than 153,000 new voters registered, including more than 44,000 eligible high school students.

During that same period, the Warner administration cleaned up voter rolls by canceling more than 185,000 deceased, duplicate, out of state and ineligible registrations – about 15 percent of West Virginia's total registered voter list.

Secretary Warner's passion for transparent, fair and fraud-free elections has generated a renewed confidence in West Virginia voters. Because of his military background and keen interest in election cybersecurity, Secretary Warner has earned West Virginia national attention as a leader in protecting voter databases and elections systems. He has teamed with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to produce the premier program to educate the American public on

election security, foreign influence, and protective measures against cyber threats to elections.

Using leading-edge blockchain and biometric technology, in 2018, West Virginia became the first state in the nation to deploy a mobile voting application used on smartphones and tablets. The use of the application was limited to military and overseas West Virginians. West Virginia will offer the mobile app again in the 2020 elections and may expand the use to include members of the disabled community.

As the state's registrar for businesses, Secretary Warner worked with the WVSOS Business and Licensing Division to open the WV One Stop Business Center. This single location houses four state agencies all working together to make business registration quick and convenient. The WV One Stop is believed to be the first four-agency single-location cooperative effort anywhere in the United States, and it serves as an example of state government being run like a business. The One Stop's motto is, "Working at the speed of business!"

Secretary Warner is a sixth-generation West Virginian. He and his wife Debbie Law Warner have been married for 37 years, and they raised four children in Monongalia County – all of whom are serving, or have served, in the United States military. The Warner's have four grandchildren.