

West Virginia Secretary of State - Mac Warner

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the West Virginia University School of Law. He also holds two Masters Degrees - one in International Law from the University of Virginia and one in Military Law from 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 while also serving on the staff at the U.S. Army War College.

Prior to being elected West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State, Secretary Warner served five years with the U.S. State Department in Afghanistan.



Since taking his oath of office on January 16, 2017, Secretary Warner has been recognized throughout the country for his innovation in cybersecurity and election preparation. Under his leadership, West Virginia became the first state in the nation to offer voting by mobile device for overseas citizens and WV military personnel deployed to remote areas of the world during election time.

Knowing that safe and secure elections begin with accurate voter registration lists, Secretary Warner developed a comprehensive strategy to update WV's voter files in all of the state's 55 counties. Since his taking office in 2017, over 313,000 outdated, duplicate, out of state, deceased and convicted felon voter files have been eliminated from the state's voter registration lists. At the same time, Secretary Warner and the county clerks implemented an aggressive strategy to register more than 246,000 new, eligible "live" voters, including 67,000 high school students.

Secretary Warner has worked closely with the state's congressional delegation for West Virginia to secure federal funding to assist counties with more than \$12 million in new voting equipment, state of the art election technology, and physical security.

Under Secretary Warner's leadership, West Virginia has become recognized as a national leader in election cybersecurity. He has been the featured speaker at conferences in San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Fe, Washington, DC, Columbia University, and Austin, TX. His comprehensive public education campaign on *"Russian & Foreign Influence in American Elections"* is now being used as the template for states all across America.

In addition to his duties as the state's chief elections officer, Secretary Warner also serves as the state's chief business official. Today in West Virginia, there are more than 117,000 entities licensed to do business in the Mountain State.

In 2018 Secretary Warner worked with the WV Legislature to establish the WV One Stop Business Center -- the first five-agency single-location business and licensing center in the nation. To facilitate business activity throughout the Mountain State, he also opened two new Business Hubs – in Martinsburg and in Clarksburg. An application to open a new business in West Virginia that used to take up to two weeks can now take less than two hours.

Under Secretary Warner's leadership, ***"It has NEVER been easier to open a new business in West Virginia!"***

Secretary Warner is a sixth generation West Virginian. Both he and his wife, Debbie, grew up in the Kanawha Valley. They are the parents of four grown children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom are serving or have served in the United States military. They are also the proud grandparents of four young grandchildren....with another one on the way!

In November, Secretary Warner was overwhelmingly re-elected to a second four-year term as West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State.