

TENNESSEE
Deanna McLaughlin



Deanna McLaughlin is currently serving her eleventh year on the Clarksville City Council where she was the first active duty military spouse elected. In November 2011, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam appointed Mrs. McLaughlin to the position of Tennessee Commissioner to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) and re-appointed her in January 2015.

Born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Vancouver, Washington, Mrs. McLaughlin attended Clark College. In 1992, she married David P. McLaughlin and moved to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina where her husband was stationed with the Golden Knights Army Parachute Team. After a short stint at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Deanna's husband was reassigned to the 101st Airborne Division located at Ft. Campbell in October 1993. During their time at Ft. Campbell, she was involved in several organizations relating to the military. These included the Family Readiness Group (Leader for 5 Years during two Operation Iraqi Freedom Deployments), CARE Team, the organizing team for Welcome Home Ceremonies, Clarksville Military Affair Committee, and Citizens for Ft. Campbell.

Mrs. McLaughlin's current involvement with the military includes:

- 9/11 Days of Service to Remember Annual Project Coordinator
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Supporter
- Member Association for the United States Army
- Member of Citizens for Ft. Campbell
- Organizer of City of Clarksville Warrior Week Car, Truck, and Bike Show
- Patriot Guard Riders, Ride Captain
- Patriots Park Flags for the Fallen Organizer



Mrs. McLaughlin's honors include:

- Belk Award of Excellence
- City of Clarksville Key to the City
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Special Recognition
- Department of the Army Award for Public Service
- Department of the Army Award for Patriotic Civilian Service
- United States Army Freedom Team Salute

Deanna and her husband, 1SG Retired David P. McLaughlin, have one daughter, Kaitlan, and make their home in Clarksville, TN.