



BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant General James K. 'Kevin' McLaughlin, USAF (Retired)

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. James K. "Kevin" McLaughlin, former Deputy Commander of U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM), serves as a member of the Civil Air Patrol's Board of Governors (BoG).

As CAP's top governing body, the 11-member BoG consists of four Air Force appointees, three members appointed jointly by the Secretary of the Air Force and CAP's National Commander/CEO, and four Members-At-Large selected by CAP's Senior Advisory Group. The BoG moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans, and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow. It is assisted by CAP's National Commander and Chief Executive Officer, the organization's Chief Operating Officer and the CAP-U.S. Air Force (CAP-USAF) Commander, who act as advisers.

Gen McLaughlin joined the BoG in March 2019 as one of its four Air Force-appointed members. A 34-year veteran of the Air Force, he currently serves as Director of Cyber Policy, Strategy and Security at Texas A&M University's George Bush School of Government and Public Service. He is also head of McLaughlin Global Associates LLC, a company focused on board service, consulting and public speaking.



Gen McLaughlin retired from the military in September 2017 after three years as USCYBERCOM's No. 2 official in Fort Meade, Maryland. As Deputy Commander of USCYBERCOM, he directed the cyber forces that defend the Department of Defense's information networks, provide full-spectrum cyberspace options to military plans and operations and, when directed, defend U.S. critical infrastructure from cyberattacks of significant consequence.

Before that, he commanded at the squadron, group, wing and numbered Air Force levels and served on the staffs at major command headquarters, combatant command headquarters and Headquarters Air Force. He was Commander of the 24th Air Force and Air Forces Cyber at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, prior to being assigned to Cyber Command. He also was Director, Space Operations, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., in addition to working for the National Reconnaissance Office and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Gen McLaughlin entered the Air Force in 1983 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He later earned a Master's degree in Space Systems Management from Webster University. Other academic achievements included completion of the Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar in the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina and the Black Sea Security Program in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal. In 2012, he received the General Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award.

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