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Legislative Director National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)

Rick Jones joined NAUS as Legislative Director on Sept. 1, 2005. As legislative director, Rick is the primary individual responsible for promoting the NAUS legislative, national security, and foreign affairs goals before the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, and the Congress of the United States.

Rick presently serves as co-director of the National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA) and co-chairman of the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR). NMVA is formed to present a unified position on issues important to the members of our military associations and veterans organizations. AMOVR is formed to ensure that our military men and women are afforded their right to vote and to ensure their votes are counted.

Rick is an Army veteran who served as a medical specialist during the Vietnam War era. His assignments included duty at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas; Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado; and Moncrief Community Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Rick completed undergraduate work at Brown University prior to his Army draft and earned a Master Degree in Public Administration from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, following military service.

Prior to assuming his current position, Rick served as National Legislative Director for AMVETS, a major veterans service organization. He also worked nearly twenty years as a legislative staff aide in the offices of Senator Paul Coverdell, Senator Lauch Faircloth, and Senator John P. East. He also worked in the House of Representatives as a committee staff director for Representative Larry J. Hopkins and Representative Bob Stump.

In working for Rep. Stump on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, he served as minority staff director for the subcommittee on housing and memorial affairs and two years as majority professional staff on funding issues related to veterans' affairs budget and appropriations.

Rick and his wife Nancy have three children and reside in Springfield, Virginia.

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