

## **Ann Thomas (A.T.) Johnston**

### *Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy*



Mrs. Ann Thomas (“A.T.”) Johnston assumed the duties as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy on February 26, 2018.

In this capacity, Mrs. Johnston is responsible for a broad portfolio that includes policy, advocacy, and oversight of all community support to service members and their families, including quality of life issues; Defense-state liaison initiatives; family, child, and youth programs; Military OneSource program and non-medical counseling resources; military spouse career advancement; morale, welfare, and recreation; defense resale policy for commissaries and exchanges; and family advocacy programs. Her oversight also includes casualty and mortuary affairs, and military funeral honors.

Prior to joining Military Community and Family Policy, Mrs. Johnston served as senior policy advisor to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and for Chairman Emeritus Joe Barton of Texas. Before joining the Committee, she served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director for Congressman Lee Terry of Nebraska.

Mrs. Johnston previously served in the White House as a Special Assistant to President George W. Bush in the Office of Legislative Affairs, overseeing coordination with the Senate, including the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Environment and Public Works Committee, and the Commerce Science and Transportation Committee.

She was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of Energy in 2001, serving as the conduit for the Secretary of Energy to the Congress.

Prior to joining the Bush Administration, Mrs. Johnston worked for then Congressman Richard Burr managing a diverse portfolio of issues. Mrs. Johnston also worked in the private sector for two Fortune 200 Companies and two government affairs consulting firms.

Mrs. Johnston is from Wilson, North Carolina, and is a graduate of Wake Forest University.