

Rich Anderson

Richard L. Anderson (Rich) represented the 51st House District (Prince William County) in the Virginia General Assembly for eight years (2010-2018). While there, he chaired the House Science and Technology Committee and the General Assembly Military and Veterans Caucus. He also chaired the Virginia War Memorial Board of Trustees and sat on numerous boards and commissions that worked on behalf of 800,000 Virginia veterans, 50,000 of whom reside in Prince William County. Rich retired from the US Air Force in 2009 as a colonel after a 30-year military career. During the first half of his career, he served in the Air Force Missile and Space career field, commanding Titan II ICBM (Intercontinental Ballistic Missile) launch centers and combat crews and later leading and operating a Minuteman II ICBM squadron, missiles, and launch crews. During the second half of his career, he served in the politico-military career field, working to build relationships with Air Forces throughout the Asia-Pacific Theater. In the later capacity, he served as senior Military Advisor to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force and senior Military Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. While assigned to United States Atlantic Command in the mid-1990s, he participated in Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and other military awards and decorations.