

Vinson Hall Retirement Community & Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation

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CEO/ Executive Director Retirement Announcement

VHRC & NMCGRF Announce the Retirement of Kathleen Martin as CEO & Executive Director

McLean, VA, June 26, 2017 - Vinson Hall Retirement Community and Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation announce the retirement of RADM Kathleen L. Martin, SHCE, USN, (Ret). She will be retiring as the Chief Executive Officer of Vinson Hall Retirement Community and as the Executive Director of Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation in the fall of 2017. Members of the Foundation's Board of Directors have formed a search committee to find her successor.

Kathy Martin began working at VHRC and NMCGRF as the CEO and Executive Director in 2005 after serving on active duty for 32 years in the United States Navy. Under her leadership, she formed the Campus Redevelopment Committee in 2006 with the goal of developing services to meet the needs of the current residents while attracting the next generation of seniors. This led to the renovation of the existing Vinson Hall building and a campus masterplan for future expansion. She led the \$86 million-dollar project through the planning, financing, and construction phases to reach the long-term campus redevelopment goals.

Under her advisement in 2011, the Board of Trustees was reorganized to provide better governance of the Foundation and retirement community. Additionally, she initiated administrative changes by implementing a matrix organizational model to more effectively lead and respond to the demands of a growing organization.

As Executive Director of NMCGRF, she successfully directed and supported the programs of the Resident Assistance and the Research and Technology funds as well as initiating a program for wounded warrior transitional housing. Kathy initiated the idea for Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall because of her experience as Deputy Surgeon General of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, her last assignment in the United States Navy. Since its launch, the program has raised funds to renovate two Vinson Hall apartments to be adaptable to the needs of wounded warriors. To date, these apartments have served eight wounded, ill, or injured service members.

Kathy Martin did not expect to stay at Vinson Hall for more than a few years when she initially accepted the job. The community and the population she served “worked their magic on her” and she discovered a passion for senior living. During her tenure, she has been an active member of Leading Age, an association of members whose mission is to be the trusted voice on aging in America. As an association and board member, she has attended and spoken at conferences and has held meetings with legislators concerning issues related to senior housing, services, and medical care. Martin noted in a communication to all staff earlier this month, “It will be difficult for me to leave this great community. You have all taught me a great deal and demonstrated how to provide wonderful ‘person centered’ service to everyone.” Person centered care and service is a philosophy that Kathy has inspired the staff of Vinson Hall to practice, so the residents are free to live life to the fullest.

Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, was formed by the Naval Officer’s Wives’ Club of Washington D.C. to provide housing for military officers’ widows who were not left sufficient funds to live in dignity when their husbands passed away. Today, the Foundation supports the programs and initiatives of Vinson Hall Retirement Community, a vibrant senior living community located in McLean, VA which was established in 1969. Vinson Hall independent living serves commissioned uniformed service officers and their immediate families as well as federal government employees with a similar military background. Assisted Living, Nursing Care, Memory Support, and Short-term Rehabilitation do not require military or government affiliation.

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