



## **John William Warner**

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*U.S. Senator (Former)*

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Senator Warner joined Aurora's Board of Directors in 2010.

After his decision not to seek a sixth term as U.S. Senator for the Commonwealth of Virginia John Warner returned to active roles in the private sector by rejoining Hogan Lovells US LLP (formerly Hogan & Hartson), from which he left to become Secretary of the Navy, and establishing an LLC within which he conducts corporate board and other professional responsibilities.

During his 30 years in the Senate, he served on the Senate Armed Services Committee, including three periods as Chairman, and was recognized as an influential senator on military and foreign policy issues. He also served on the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence (where he served as Vice Chairman for several years); Commerce Committee; Environment and Public Works Committee; and Rules Committee (where he served as Chair for several years).

Throughout his Senate career he strongly supported concepts for unmanned combat systems, air, sea, and land; and, in 2001 he was the author of a detailed law whereby Congress stated: "It shall be the goal of the Armed Forces to achieve the fielding of unmanned, remotely controlled technology." With this clear Congressional support, the Department of Defense "moved out" and today America is proud of the extraordinary technical achievements and operational unmanned systems within all the Military Departments.

The Senator volunteered twice for active military duty: the first as a sailor (U.S. Navy) in the final year of World War II (1945-46), and later served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Marines (1950-52) during the Korean War.

Grateful for the G.I. Bill, he earned a B.S. degree from Washington & Lee University, a law degree from the University of Virginia, and then clerked for a federal circuit judge. From 1955 to 1960, the Senator was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. He joined Hogan & Hartson as an associate in 1961 and became a partner in 1964.

In 1969 he was confirmed by the Senate, as Under Secretary, and in 1972 as Secretary, of the U.S. Navy, positions he served in for a total of more than five years during the Vietnam War.



Between 1974 and 1976, the Senator served as head of the American Bicentennial Administration, where he coordinated federal programs in all 50 states and with 22 foreign nations that participated in this historic 200-year anniversary of the founding of our nation.

Subsequently, he waged two years of political campaigning, winning election to his first of five Senate terms in November 1978. On January 3, 2009, he completed his fifth consecutive term and retired, establishing a record of being the second longest-serving U.S. Senator in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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