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Colonel Jon M. Lauder (USMC ret.) is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He serves as both a liaison and a resource to the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and other government agencies regarding the complex needs of military veterans and their families and current efforts to support them.

He works closely with VA leadership to facilitate and advance proactive engagements with Congress that further policy and legislation in alignment with the Secretary’s strategic priorities. To support these aims, his team provides in-depth briefs, expert analyses, and insights to leadership and members that can help inform decision making and consensus building.

Colonel Lauder’s background includes leadership positions in both the public and private sector, most recently with Wounded Warrior Project and Warrior For Life Fund. He also previously worked with General Dynamics as its Director of Business Development for Marine Corps and Navy contracts. He is a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan and served in numerous command billets over nearly three decades in the Marine Corps. Among them: Chief of Staff and Senate Liaison Director for the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, Logistics Plans Chief for U.S. Forces Korea, Commanding Officer of Second Tank Battalion in North Carolina, and Recruiting Station Commanding Officer in Texas.

**CAREER CHRONOLOGY:**

2025 - current	Deputy Assistant Secretary, VA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
2024 — 2025	Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project, Washington, D.C.
2023	Director of Business Development for U.S. Marine Corps & Navy Contracts, General Dynamics Land Systems, Washington, D.C.
2023 — Present	Community Outreach Ambassador, Warrior for Life Fund, Virginia Beach, VA
2021 — 2022	Chief of Staff, U.S. Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.
2017 — 2021	Senate Liaison Director, Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.
2015 — 2017	Logistics (J-4) Plans Chief, U.S. Forces Korea, Seoul, South Korea
1994 — 2022	United States Marine Corps

**EDUCATION:**

2015	Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Washington, D.C. (Distinguished Graduate)
1994	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA