



Biography

Alex Atwood was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives on 2010, representing the citizens of House District 179 which encompasses parts of Glynn County, Brunswick, St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island. He currently serves on the Appropriations Committee Chairman for Public Safety, and also serves on the Judiciary (non-civil), Insurance, Juvenile Justice, and Public Safety and Homeland Security Committees.

Rep. Atwood is the recipient of the 2013 Georgia Commission on Family Violence's Legislative Leadership Award and the 2013 Environmental Legislative Leadership Award. He received a 100% rating from both the American Conservative Union and the Georgia National Federation of Independent Businesses, and has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association. Rep. Atwood was recently selected for the Republican Leadership for Georgia Class of 2015.

Rep. Atwood graduated from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He went on to earn his Masters of Arts degree in International Relations, followed by a Juris Doctorate in Law (Cum Laude).

Rep. Atwood spent his early professional years serving with the Atlanta Police Department, followed by service as a Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent throughout the United States and internationally where he was assigned to several executive branch agencies including the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury and Department of Homeland Security. Rep. Atwood retired from the Department of Homeland Security as Director of Legal Training for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, where he successfully led all legal training for literally thousands of law enforcement officers and agents.

Prior to being selected as a Glynn County Magistrate Judge, Rep. Atwood served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for a 700-employee Georgia-based security corporation providing security for federal government installations throughout the United States and for the National Football League.

Rep. Atwood also served for 34 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in ground, aviation and Intelligence positions. He initially enlisted as a private. In 1982, as a captain, Rep.

Atwood was selected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in a national competition as the Marine Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year. As a Marine, Rep. Atwood served throughout the United States and overseas, including service in Honduras, Korea, Norway, and Spain. Rep. Atwood was also called back to active duty in support of both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. Rep. Atwood retired at the rank of full Colonel.

Rep. Atwood has served as a member of the United States Attorneys Committee for Project Safe Neighborhood, as an Adjunct Professor at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary, and as a member of the Legal Advisors Section to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As an attorney, Rep. Atwood was selected as a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. This honor is extended to those few attorneys whose public and private careers demonstrate outstanding legal abilities and a devotion to their communities. Only 4% of the active members of the State Bar of Georgia are selected as Fellows. Rep. Atwood is the Senior Partner of the Atwood Choate, PC, with offices in Atlanta and St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Rep. Atwood is a member of the former President of the Glynn County Bar Association, member of the Military Officers Association of America, the Marine Corps League, and the Exchange Club, as well as several other civic and fraternal organizations, and has also served on the Vestry of Christ Church, Saint Simons Island.

Rep. Atwood is the proud father of three children, Melonie, James and Cameron. He has been married for 27 happy years to Cynthia Atwood. The Atwood's reside on St. Simons Island, Georgia.