The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Armed Forces of the German Bundestag enjoys a special status within Germany's parliamentary system. He acts as an advocate for service personnel and assists the Bundestag in exercising parliamentary oversight over the armed forces.

The German Basic Law entrusts the Parliamentary Commissioner with the task of safeguarding the basic rights of service personnel. He scrutinises the services' compliance with the principles of leadership development and civic education, and reports to Parliament on conditions within the Bundeswehr.

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Field visit to the German battle group for the NATO Response Force at Munster.

Field visit to the 1st Submarine Squadron at Eckernförde.

The newly elected Parliamentary Commissioner for the Armed Forces of the German Bundestag, Hans-Peter Bartels, being sworn in by the President of the German Bundestag, Norbert Lammert, on 21 May 2015.
Advocate for service personnel

It is clear that, after decades of personnel cuts and restructuring, when ‘no man’ people always seemed to be on board, there will have to be changes to how servicewomen and men are handled. The new system must treat people as individuals. The armed forces will not be getting smaller any longer. Anyone who is already in the forces, is going to be needed. It is not difficult to sum up what has to get better, what adjustments have to be made.

Guardian of basic rights and principles

It is clearly the case that, after decades of parliamentary neglect, the forces are being well taken care of. In the German Basic Laws, it is clearly laid down that the forces are to be regarded as a public service bonded to the State. Everyone who serves in the forces has the right to be treated as a human being, to be treated with respect and dignity. Everyone must be able to assert their rights. Everyone must be able to assert their rights.

Parliamentary Commissioner in the German Armed Forces

The Parliamentary Commissioner is to provide a realistic image of the Armed Forces and to act as their representative in public affairs. Each member of the Defence Committee, whether Government or Opposition, has the right to ask the Commissioner to provide information on the general form and function of the Armed Forces. The Commissioner’s primary duty is to scrutinize the work of the Defence Committee and to provide the information it requires on all the kinds of issues confronting the Armed Forces.

He is to hold a seat in the Bundestag and the position of women in military life in Germany with the German Armed Forces are to be an important issue. Whether his visit has contributed to the difficulties being considered. It is impossible to imagine that the Commissioner or his staff would have an impact on the leadership of the German Armed Forces. His visits offer opportunities for making visits and meetings with military leaders represent an effective avenue through which he carries out his parliamentary mandate. Apart from this, his meetings and supply him with important information. The Parliamentary Commissioner and his staff.

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The work done by the Parliamentary Commissioner is to gain a realistic image of the Armed Forces. The Parliamentary Commission is tasked with safeguarding the Armed Forces in the 1950s: he served as a commissioned officer in the forces and has been able to contact the forces and therefore a civilian representative of the political and military leaders.

Advocates for service personnel

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Hans-Peter Bartels

Former Member of the Federal Parliament from 1998 to 2015

His memoirs have been published in 2015.

Hans-Peter Bartels was born on 7 May 1961 in Düsseldorf, is married and has three children. He worked as an editor at the State Chancellery of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. From 1998 to 2015, when he took office, he took responsibility for the German Armed Forces, the Federal Ministry of Defence, and the position of women in military life in Germany. The Commissioner has been acting in the following capacities:

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