

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 10, 2019**

**ASTRONICS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**

(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-7087**

(Commission File Number)

**16-0959303**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**130 Commerce Way  
East Aurora, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**14052**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(716) 805-1599**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	ATRO	NASDAQ Stock Market

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On June 11, 2019, Astronics Corporation (the “Company”) announced that Kevin T. Keane, Chairman of the Board, passed away on June 10, 2019 in Buffalo, NY, and that Peter J. Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astronics Corporation, was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The Company issued a press release on June 11, 2019 reporting the death of Mr. Keane and the appointment of Mr. Gundermann as Chairman of the Board, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

The disclosure set forth in Item 5.02 above is incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Press Release of Astronics Corporation dated June 11, 2019

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 12, 2019

**Astronics Corporation**  
By: /s/ David C. Burney  
Name: David C. Burney  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press Release of Astronics Corporation dated June 11, 2019

For Immediate Release

## **Astronics Mourns the Passing of its Board Chairman Kevin T. Keane**

**EAST AURORA, NY, June 11, 2019** – Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq: ATRO), a leading provider of advanced technologies for global aerospace, defense, and other mission critical industries, announced today with great sorrow that Kevin T. Keane, a member of its Board of Directors for nearly 50 years and Board Chairman for 45 years, passed away on June 10, 2019 in Buffalo, NY.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer, was appointed Chairman of the Board. He commented, “We are deeply saddened by this loss and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Kevin played a pivotal role in the history of Astronics, joining soon after our founding. He worked tirelessly throughout his nearly five decades to transform Astronics and left a remarkable legacy that will benefit the Company well into the future. His extraordinary leadership, vision and enthusiasm will be deeply missed.”

Mr. Keane joined the Board and began his career with Astronics in 1970, and was named the Chairman in 1974. He served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from 1974 to 2002. He was actively involved in the community, serving on several boards and volunteering his time with numerous organizations.

### **ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION**

Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq: ATRO) serves the world's aerospace, defense, and other mission critical industries with proven, innovative technology solutions. Astronics works side-by-side with customers, integrating its array of power, connectivity, lighting, structures, interiors, and test technologies to solve complex challenges. For 50 years, Astronics has delivered creative, customer-focused solutions with exceptional responsiveness. Today, global airframe manufacturers, airlines, military branches, completion centers, and Fortune 500 companies rely on the collaborative spirit and innovation of Astronics.

For more information on Astronics and its solutions, visit [Astronics.com](http://Astronics.com).

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