

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program National Advisory Council

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The National Advisory Council enables the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program to expand organizational capacity, reach, and impact in ways that help fulfill our mission of healing the invisible wounds of military service.

National Advisory Council Members

Lieutenant General, USA (ret.) Nadja Y. West



Nadja West is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general and the 44th U.S. Army Surgeon General and former Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command. She is the first Black female lieutenant general in the U.S. Army and the highest-ranking woman to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy. She and her husband, retired U.S. Army Colonel Don West, reside near Washington, DC.

Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (ret.) John Wayne Troxell



SEAC(R) John Wayne Troxell served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the most senior noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, from December 11, 2015, until his retirement on December 13, 2019. In this role, he served as the principal military advisor to the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, utilization, the health of the force, and joint development for enlisted personnel. He and his wife, Sandy, reside in the greater Seattle area near Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Command Sergeant Major (ret.) Christopher Greca



Army Command Sergeant Major Chris Greca retired from the U.S. Army in 2017 after a distinguished 31-year military career. During his service to our Nation, he served as a top enlisted leader at multiple levels of command in Army and Joint assignments during peace and war. He culminated his career as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for U.S. Central Command, consisting of over 75,000 service members responsible for advancing U.S. national security interests across the Middle East. He and his wife, Darena, reside outside Columbus, Georgia, near Fort Benning.

Command Sergeant Major (ret.) Patrick L. McCauley



Army Command Sergeant Major Patrick McCauley is an accomplished Special Operations veteran who distinguished himself by leading our most elite Special Operations organizations in the toughest combat environments. Serving in the U.S. military for over 33 years, he culminated his career as the ninth Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the U.S. Special Operations Command. Pat resides with his wife, Starla, in Kalispell, Montana.

Sergeant Major (ret.) Anthony Spadaro



Marine Corps Sergeant Major Anthony Spadaro retired in 2020 after a distinguished 35-year career. During this time, he served in various leadership assignments around the world, both in war and peace times. He culminated his service to our Nation as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, the largest geographic combatant command with 380,000 uniformed and civilian members along with 36 partner nations. Anthony and his wife, Kathryn, reside in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Command Chief Master Sergeant (ret.) Gregory A. Smith



Gregory A. Smith, Command Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Retired, served 33 years in Special Operations. His culminating assignment was Command Senior Enlisted Leader for U.S. Special Operations Command. Today, Greg works with multiple agencies and organizations addressing brain health. He collaborates with Massachusetts General Hospital, the Martinos Center for Diagnostic Imaging, and the Department of Defense to improve treatment of traumatic brain injury caused by repetitive blast exposure. He also frequently engages the Department of Veterans Affairs to advance treatment of Post Traumatic Stress in service members and veterans. Lastly, he collaborates across the commercial sector to develop enhanced medical devices for military members and veterans suffering from spinal cord injury.