

BIOGRAPHIES

Meredith Beck, Moderator
Independent Consultant

Meredith Beck has advocated for positive legislative and policy change on behalf of military personnel for a number of years. She currently serves as an independent consultant, focusing on the needs of the newest generation of injured service members veterans, and families.

In 2009, Mrs. Beck joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as Special Assistant to Secretary James Peake, MD. Serving as an advisor to the Secretary, she focused on the relationship between non-governmental organizations and the federal government.

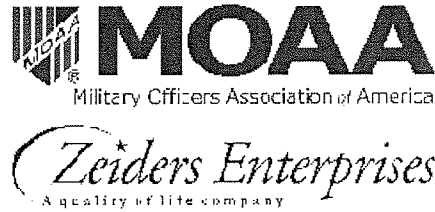
Prior to her role at the VA, Mrs. Beck was National Policy Director for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). There, she managed all aspects of WWP's policy and legislative agenda and served as the Project's chief analyst and lobbyist for relevant issues. While at WWP, Mrs. Beck worked closely with wounded families, Capitol Hill Staff, and representatives from other organizations to develop and enact viable solutions to problems facing the wounded and their families.

Before concentrating on wounded warrior advocacy, Mrs. Beck served as the Military Legislative Assistant to Senator Lindsey O. Graham (R-SC). She was responsible for legislation pertaining to military and veterans affairs, and advised the senator in his capacity as a member of both the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee, where he served as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Personnel.

A 1998 graduate of Davidson College with a degree in Political Science, Ms. Beck also served for five years on the staff of Senator John Warner (R-VA), former Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mrs. Beck currently lives in Arlington, VA with her husband and young son.

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Philip A. Burdette
Principal Director,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy

On March 1, 2011, Mr. Philip A. Burdette was appointed as the Principal Director for the Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy.

Mr. Burdette is responsible for policy and oversight related to wounded, ill, injured and transitioning Service members. He is also the Executive Director of the Senior Oversight Committee (SOC) and Joint Executive Council (JEC). He is a member of the Senior Executive Service for the Department of Defense.

In 2009, Mr. Burdette served as the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Security Director for Maryland and Delaware where he directed a workforce of more than 700 employees and led security actions in the National Capital Region with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). In this role, Mr. Burdette led the Baltimore Washington International Airport to recognition as the top performing airport out of 452 TSA airports.

He was chosen as the standing incident manager for the TSA and led their efforts in emerging international security incidents. In addition, he directed TSA efforts for DHS National Special Security Events, including the 2010 National Nuclear Summit.

While working at the TSA Headquarters, Mr. Burdette led initiatives for the TSA Administrator's top priority projects, including the TSA approach to the 2007 collective bargaining legislation impacting more than 46,000 employees and the 9/11 Commission legislation.

In 2007, Mr. Burdette received the Department of Homeland Security's "Secretary's Award for Excellence" for establishing DHS' Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response security teams, an interagency security program targeting known vulnerabilities in multiple transportation modes.

From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Burdette served in leadership and law enforcement positions within DHS, including Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator, Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Field

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Operations, and Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Administrator. He has served as a Special Agent with both DHS and the National Security Agency.

Mr. Burdette has received numerous awards, including the Administrator's Gold and Bronze Medals and, in 2006, was selected as TSA's "Employee of the Year."

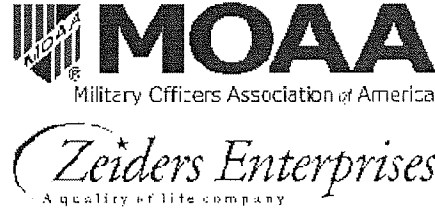
Mr. Burdette holds a Bachelors (B.A.) degree from George Washington University and has graduated from resident programs at the Federal Executive Institute, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the Marine Corps University.

Mr. Burdette served in the Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Major. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Margaret Campbell-Kotler MPH, RN
National Program Manager for Caregiver Education and Training
Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Caregiver Support

She is responsible for the development and roll out of the core training required for caregivers participating in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance to Family Caregivers as well as education programs for caregivers of Veterans of all eras. Prior to joining the VA, Ms Campbell-Kotler was Manager of the Office of Education for the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC), the primary TBI operational component of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. In this capacity, she managed the development of the TBI Family Caregiver Curriculum, the development of educational materials on traumatic brain injury for families, service members, veterans and military health care providers. She directed three TBI Military Training Conferences attended by over 800 military and veterans health care providers. Ms Campbell-Kotler has extensive experience in the delivery of home and community based health services across the age span. She holds a BSN cum laude, from Niagara University and an MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Jed D. Johnson MSW, MBA
Director – National Veteran Caregiver Training Program
Easter Seals Headquarters

For 8 years, Mr. Johnson provided strategic leadership for Easter Seals' services for adults and seniors. Highlights included supporting the growth of Easter Seals Adult Day Center network to over 85 programs in 25 states and oversight of a number of federal and foundation grants including the Administration on Aging's *Transportation Solutions for Caregivers*. From 2008 – 2011 he served as Director of the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST), a partnership with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and funded through the Federal Transit Administration, whose mission is to enhance transportation options for older adults through technical assistance, outreach, education, and research. In April of 2011, Mr. Johnson assumed responsibility for the National Veteran Caregiver Training Program, a project funded through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Immediately prior to working for Easter Seals, Mr. Johnson spent 10 years of progressive responsibility with the Jewish Association on Aging in Pittsburgh where he ultimately was Vice President of Home and Community Services overseeing adult day services, home delivered meals, hospice, outreach in Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, and other home and community-based services. At the national level, he served as Treasurer of the American Society on Aging from 2007 - 2011 and as a member of Generations United's program committee. He is a member of the National MS Society's Long Term Care clinical advisory board and is a CARF surveyor for the accreditation process within their Aging Services division. Mr. Johnson holds a joint-masters degree in business administration from the Wharton School of Business and in social work from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice.

Carol A. Weese, RN CNOR
Acting Executive Director of Federal Recovery Coordination Program (FRCP)
Department of Veterans Affairs

She is currently the Acting Executive Director of Federal Recovery Coordination Program (FRCP), a joint program of the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Prior to joining FRCP, she was a program analyst in the Office of Policy and Planning (OPP) at the staff office of the Wounded, Ill, and Injured Senior Oversight Committee.

Prior to joining the Department of Veterans Affairs in June 2008 she worked in a program for the Chief of Naval Personnel conducting civilian workforce analysis in the medical community. She began her government career in 1989 at National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland. She held many positions from staff perioperative registered nurse to administrative which led to her being selected as the Associate Director Neuromusculoskeletal Services and the first civilian to serve on the Board of Directors. She received numerous awards including the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service

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Award for her accomplishments building the NNMC Ambulatory Surgery Center, surgical glove standardization across TRICARE Region One, and standardization of care for patients receiving conscious sedation.

Carol was born at the United States Air Force Academy and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1983. She has been very active in the Greater Washington D.C. Chapter of the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) and volunteering her time for women's education with P.E.O., a Philanthropic Education Organization.