

Executives



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Director of HJF Component of Military HIV

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Disease Branch, serving HJF since 2011



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Vice President and Chief Medical Officer,
serving HJF since 2001



Tiffany Hamm, Ph.D.Senior Director, Global Operations Portfolio, serving HJF since 2003



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U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) is the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He has a long history of public service, beginning with his service in the U.S. Army to his current role in the United States Senate.

In addition to his role on the Armed Services Committee, Sen. Inhofe is also a member of the Environment & Public Works Committee, the Commerce Committee and the Small Business Committee. Prior to serving the people of Oklahoma in the U.S. Senate, Sen. Inhofe served in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Oklahoma House and Senate and as Mayor of Tulsa, Oklahoma.



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U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island)

U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island) is the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. After graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1971, he received an active-duty commission in the Army.

Over the course of his military career, he earned the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Expert Infantry Badge. He later earned a master's in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1982.

He served three terms in the Rhode Island State Senate and three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sen. Reed was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996.



U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal (D-California)

Representative Salud Carbajal, a Democrat who serves California's 24th congressional district, is a member of the House Committee on Armed Services.

He attended the University of California, Santa Barbara and Fielding Graduate University, where he earned a master's in organizational management. Rep. Carbajal also served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for eight years.

Before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2016, he served on the Board of Supervisors for Santa Barbara County.



U.S. Representative Scott DesJarlais (R-Tennessee)

Representative Scott DesJarlais is currently serving his fourth term in Congress representing Tennessee's fourth congressional district. He serves on several committees in the House, including Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, Agriculture, Subcommittee on Readiness, and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. He is also a member of the House Freedom Caucus as well as the GOP Doctors Caucus.

Rep. DesJarlais earned degrees in chemistry and psychology from the University of South Dakota and went on to receive his M.D. from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine.



Richard W. ("Tom") Thomas, M.D., D.D.S., MG, U.S. Army, Ret.

Dr. Thomas is the sixth President of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is responsible for the academic, research and service mission of the University. He advises the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs and the four surgeons general on a wide array of issues related to graduate health professions, education and health care research.

He retired from the Army in May 2016 at the rank of Major General. He is a physician and dentist whose last assignment was Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Defense Health Agency Healthcare Operations Directorate.

He graduated from West Virginia University (WVU) on an ROTC scholarship in 1981. He is a graduate of the WVU School of Dentistry and served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps before receiving his M.D. from the WVU School of Medicine in 1994. He earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2006.



The Honorable Beverly Byron

The Honorable Beverly Byron served seven successive terms in Congress as a Democratic representative from Maryland.

She was the first woman to head a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, chairing the Military Personnel and Compensation Subcommittee, where she oversaw more than 40 percent of the Department of Defense's budget. She also chaired the House Special Panel on Arms Control and Disarmament. She was named to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in 1993.



The Honorable

John H. Dressendorfer

The Honorable John H. Dressendorfer retired as Vice President of Government Affairs at L-3 Communications Corp. Previously, he was Vice President of Government Relations for Titan Corp., which L-3 acquired in 2005.

Prior to working with Titan Corp., he was Vice President of Government and External Affairs for the American Forest & Paper Association. He was President and Founder of the lobbying firm Dressendorfer Laird. He also served as a Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs under President Reagan and was an Assistant to Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird during the Nixon administration.



Marine Corps General John ("Jay") Paxton, Jr., Ret.

Marine Corps General John ("Jay") Paxton, Jr., Ret., joined the Council of Directors in 2017. He served as the 33rd Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps before retiring in 2016. As the second-highest ranking officer in the Marine Corps, he played a critical role in ensuring the health and wellbeing of Marines. With deployments to locations worldwide, he emphasized, advocated and recommended priorities for the Marine Corps.



Thomas W. Weston, Jr., CPA

Mr. Weston currently serves as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of ECS Federal, LLC, which is based in Fairfax, Virginia. ECS is a leading provider of advanced technologies and solutions in the cloud, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and IT modernization areas. Mr. Weston leads all accounting and finance initiatives for the company and plays a key role in driving the strategic direction of ECS through both organic growth and a focused mergers and acquisitions program. In addition, Mr. Weston oversees the contracts, procurement and corporate facility functions at ECS.

Prior to his work at ECS, Mr. Weston was Executive Vice President, CFO, Treasurer and Secretary of Acentia, LLC, a company focused largely in health care IT services in the federal industry. Mr. Weston served on the Acentia Board of Directors and led the sale of Acentia to a large publicly traded company in April 2015.



Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D.

Dr. Wilensky is an economist and senior fellow at Project Hope with more than 30 years of experience in health sciences. She directed the Medicare and Medicaid programs and served in the White House as a senior advisor on health and welfare issues to President GHW Bush. Wilensky was on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU). She also co-chaired the Department of Defense Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care. Wilensky received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Michigan and has received several honorary degrees.