

United States Government
Distinguished Administrative/Professional Service Award



Khristine Warrener
Budget Analyst
Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations

Khristine is a Budget Analyst with IRS – Criminal Investigation (CI) and has been a driving force in the Finance Section. She has demonstrated her dedication to supporting CI's mission by applying her technical knowledge of IRS's procurement system and processes, along with Federal Acquisition Regulations to work many procurement actions. Khristine has handled many complex Information Technology (IT) acquisitions related to programs in our organization, including Cyber Crimes, Electronic Crimes, Financial Crimes, and the Nationally Coordinated Investigations Unit. Besides IT items, Khristine has also worked on acquisition packages for special investigative equipment related to the law enforcement work of CI's special agents for their unique major cases and task forces.

Her work has been applauded by IRS Procurement as being thorough and complete, allowing them to quickly work items to award. Any questions/issues by the Contracting Officer are quickly addressed by Khristine, to ensure that the procurement action moves quickly.

Many of the acquisitions which Khristine is involved with are complex, multi-million dollar, multi-year contract requests. She provides technical guidance, supported by strong research and analysis skills, to customers and management officials involved in procurement requests. Our office could not have accomplished our key deliverables without her.

Khristine always participates in identifying and solving workgroup issues. When she identifies problems with processes or particular issues, she does not hesitate to develop a solution and work to see it implemented. She is always looking for ways to assist her peers in doing our work better and truly creates a supportive office environment.

Khristine is the lead coordinator in our organization for Continuity of Operations Plan reviews of all our law enforcement contracts. She ensures all of our contracts are coded correctly and will continue in the event of a lapse of Appropriation. This responsibility is critical to ensure that CI's mission critical law enforcement work continues during a shutdown. Khristine works with IRS's Counsel and Procurement office to ensure all contracts were coded correctly and justifications for coding as "Continuity of Operations" were appropriate. This was critical this fiscal year with the shutdown of the government for over 30 days.

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Dina West

***Deputy Director of Investigations Branch
Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration***

Deputy Director of Investigations Branch, Dina K. West of the Food and Drug Administration consistently demonstrated excellent leadership, expertise, and dedication to protect public health in 2018. Her exceptional technical knowledge, collaboration and teamwork efforts with state partners in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, FDA Center of Food and Applied Nutrition, FDA Compliance Branch and other key stakeholders played an intricate role in protecting consumers and the nation's food supply during local and national outbreak investigations and inspections. Dina repeatedly throughout the year provided guidance, feedback, technical assistance and mentorship to FDA staff and contributed to successful regulatory actions ensuring violative human and animal foods and feeds investigated and education was provided to firms to assist in preventive measures for future outbreaks. Dina West consistently attends Regulatory Meetings to educate firms implicated in compliance failures by providing technical and historical knowledge and regulation interpretation.

This outstanding public servant's passion to protect the public, mentor and educate investigators, collaborative efforts with stakeholders in 2018, resulted in Class I Recalls, Reportable Food Registry initiation, Warning Letters and Regulatory Meetings from numerous cases. Below are some highlights of investigations and inspections Dina personally contributed inspectional insight, leadership and regulatory adjudication to Dina's meticulous attention to detail, innovation and passion for process improvements assisted the FDA's Audit process. She spent numerous hours auditing and interpreting procedures locally and the Puerto Rico district in identifying process improvements, determining operational trends, training needs and best practices to improve the overall success of the agency. Dina West's dedication to the FDA's mission of protecting public health, core values, ability to lead, train and develop investigators, foster collaboration, teamwork and provide customer service to stakeholders is a model for others to follow.

**United States Government
Distinguished Clerical Service Award**



Alonzo Talbert
*Advanced Medical Support Assistant
Department of Veterans Affairs
Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

Alonzo Talbert works as an Advanced Medical Support Assistant for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Shawnee, KS. Alonzo is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1993 to 2015. Alonzo served several tours overseas to include Iraq, De Gar and the horn of Africa. In April 2016, he joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ft. Meyers, Florida under the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System before making the move to KCVAMC a year later.

Alonzo strives to continually improve healthcare and the patient experience at KCVAMC and is currently completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Management. He brings true meaning to the VA's core values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence.

Being a veteran himself, Alonzo has a strong connection to our overall mission. He gives his all to his job, his co-workers, and his family, with a smile that brings warmth to all with whom he comes in contact. He is personable, thorough in his work, and well respected by his co-workers and the patients he serves at KCVAMC.

Alonzo's exemplary kindness and desire to help others was clearly demonstrated when he assisted a homeless veteran that presented to the clinic earlier this year. Following this patient's medical treatment, the care team began to work diligently to find temporary housing for him. When housing was ultimately secured, the final dilemma was presented to the team. The veteran had a dog named Rocky, and the temporary housing that had been secured did not allow for pets. Without hesitation Alonzo said, "I'll keep Rocky and take care of it until the patient can get housing that allows for pets!" And he did just that; he took this veteran's pet to his home. Not only did he care for Rocky, but he went on to have him neutered and treated by a veterinarian paying for all care from his own pocket. He kept Rocky for several weeks until a suitable home was available. The veteran was successfully helped to secure more permanent housing, his health is much better, and he is no longer homeless, thanks in-part to a giant step of kindness from Alonzo.

Alonzo truly cares about his fellow soldiers, patients and coworkers, and KCVAMC Business Operations is proud to have him on their team.

**United States Government
Distinguished Community Service Award**



Beth Held
*Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Transit Administration*

Beth Held, is very active in supporting her community, Prairie Village, Kansas and surrounding communities in the greater Kansas City, Missouri area. Ms. Held has been appointed to serve as a volunteer on the City of Prairie Village Environmental Committee where she provides ongoing technical assistance to the Committee for improving recycling strategies, and strengthening their outreach campaign in promoting neighborhood green and conservation practices, and engaging residents in environmental stewardship activities. She is very active at her place of worship, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (LCR), where she holds a position on the church council to assist in the management and oversight of the church's daily operations and policies. She is an active member of the LCR's Green Team, a regionally recognized environmental team that serves to increase environmental stewardship and awareness among church congregations and all faith denominations. She also serves as the LCR project manager for a year-long multi-tiered remodeling project on the church property, and can be found supervising volunteer servers each month at LCR's Saturday Morning Breakfast for homeless and low-income populations surrounding Prairie Village. The LCR breakfast program is a free service that provides community fellowship and a hot breakfast to support struggling individuals and families.

Beth serves as co-lead for organizing an annual Earth Day event held at a Johnson County, Kansas elementary school for 450 students ages K-6th grades. The school event creates nine (9) interactive stations that engage and instruct the students on skills for recycling, repurposing household materials, backyard habitat conservation, and environmental stewardship that they can practice at home and in their neighborhoods. Beth also participates in the event as one of the classroom instructors teaching Bald Eagle conservation. Within the Region VII DOT office, Beth volunteers as an instructor for the annual Bring Your Child to Work Day (BYCTWD) event, and was the volunteer coordinator in addition to instructing a session entitled "Transit to a Greener Planet" for the BYCTWD 2018 event for approximately 120 students, as well as, being an active member of the DOT Employee Association Committee.

**United States Government
Distinguished Leadership Award**



Phensia Howar
*Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant
Department of Treasury
Internal Revenue Service*

The Area Director for the Kansas City Territory discussed with her staff the potential for growth of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) by partnering with local Police Departments calling it the Police Initiative. Kansas City Stakeholder Partnership Education and Communication (SPEC) Tax Consultant Phensia Howar was watching a local TV station and saw an article regarding the Kansas City Chief of Police, Richard Smith, wanting to change the image of the Police within the community. Phensia got an idea, she contacted Richard Smith's office to discuss a partnership opportunity with the IRS based on the new initiative set by the Area Director. The process in getting on the Chiefs agenda was not the easiest task, but she got it done with her persistency and dedication. Phensia met with the Chief and explained the VITA program and how it serves the low to moderate income taxpayers in the community. She explained the benefits to the community and the Police Department. The Chief agreed to the partnership and three sites were opened in the first year. Phensia worked with one of her co-workers to form a partnership with an existing partner the University of Missouri Extension and the Police. A meeting was held with seven officers to discuss the logistics of the program and the needs regarding space and equipment. On opening day two TV stations were present to highlight the VITA sites and the partnership that was formed. During visits to the police stations, it was clear that this partnership was going to be a huge win for the community and the police. The rooms were filled with local taxpayers needing assistance. The officers had time to talk with the community and the taxpayers got a free service that previously didn't exist in their area. Phensia was the first tax consultant to start up the Police Initiative and now the Kansas City Territory is not only working with the Kansas City Police Department, but they have also formed a partnership with the Springfield, Mo Police Department and are currently working with Little Rock, AR to form another partnership. Phensia has been a true Leader in the Police Initiative and has been working with employees throughout the SPEC Organization in assisting them in the process of getting the Police Initiative Nationwide.

United States Government Distinguished Leadership Award



Kenneth Sessa
*Regional Environmental Officer
Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency*

Ken Sessa has been a public servant for 28 years. He started his federal career with the Department of Energy in 1991, and joined FEMA in 1997. He is FEMA's Regional Environmental Officer for Region VII. He leads a diverse team ensuring Regional integration of the protection and enhancement of environmental, historic and cultural resources within FEMA's mission, programs and activities.

Ken's adaptive leadership proved to be instrumental during some potential confrontational meetings with external stakeholders. A county hit hard by flooding had received a Presidential disaster declaration for Public Assistance. Unfortunately, the county had several projects not meeting eligibility requirements. This was highly contentious, resulting in a Congressional Inquiry. Ken's knowledge aided immeasurably in deescalating conflict while providing valuable options. On another occasion, he led a Survey Team to a city regarding an inquiry with a Flood Mitigation Grant valued at over \$10 million. Initially, this grant was approved by HQ; however, a review by Regional Staff revealed it might be ineligible. Ken's approach was to listen and obtain any/all information pertinent to making a decision complying with FEMA guidelines. He recommended options for city leadership that might bring this project within the realm of approval. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer was aware the city might lose this grant, took Ken aside and stated, "I like the direction you are going."

Ken's approach maximizing pre-disaster mitigation efforts and contributions to the Unified Federal Review Process has garnered national attention. His innovative partnership developed a three-year strategy to maximize pre-disaster mitigation across the Region to include such things as Cost Benefit Analysis on use of pre/post disaster mitigation grant funding, National Flood Insurance Program Outreach, and a mitigation planning pilot program. This approach enhances the Region to pre-identify repetitive damaged project areas and streamline the mitigation/environmental review for alignment of pre/post hazard mitigation grant opportunities. In addition, Ken deployed to Florida supporting Hurricane Michael as lead of the Unified Federal Review Group. He was tasked to enhance working relationships across all agencies to reduce duplication of effort. His diligence in this arena resulted in expedited Environmental Historical Preservation reviews.

**United States Government
Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award**



Kathleen Fogarty
*Director
Department of Veterans Affairs
Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

Kathleen R. Fogarty was appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve as Director of the Kansas City VA Medical Center effective March 8, 2015. As the Director, Mrs. Fogarty oversees the delivery of health care to more than 50,000 Veterans throughout Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas and manages the daily operations of the Medical Center and all its outlying clinic locations, including a Mobile Medical Unit. Annually, Fogarty executes an operating budget of more than \$460 million dollars and leads more than 2,000 full time employees.

Prior to her appointment to Kansas City, Fogarty served as the Director of the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida from 2011 through 2015 and as the Interim Network Director for the Southwest Health Care Network from November 2014 through January 2016. She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2007 as the Director of the Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Later, she served as the Interim Medical Center Director for the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Healthcare System, Biloxi, Mississippi, in 2009 and the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana from September 2010 through August 2011.

Fogarty is a Senior Executive Career Development Program Graduate, a certified Fellow of the VHA Mentor program, a member of the Senior Executive Association, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the American Dietetic Association, and a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Saint Mary. Among Fogarty's many awards and honors are; the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive, the Vice President Gore Hammer Award for Subsistence Prime Vendor Team and the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Scissor Award.

Fogarty has touched the lives of so many people, throughout her time at VA. Not only has her commitment to serving our nation's heroes been unwavering over her 37+ year career, she has also embodied what it means to be a servant leader, investing time and attention in the employees that serve under her direction. Not a day goes by that she doesn't take the time to afford a personal conversation to either an employee or a veteran, helping to guide them move toward their personal or professional goals. All are proud to say they've worked with her.

Kathy plans to retire in August 2019 to spend time with her family and friends.

**United States Government
Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award**



Gene Gunn

***Lead Mining & Special Emphasis Branch Chief/Senior Advisor
Environmental Protection Agency***

This nomination recognizes the extraordinary contributions of Gene Gunn during his 30+ year career with EPA. Gene has been recognized as a national leader in Federal Facilities management, lead mining site cleanup, and performance-based contracting. Gene has served in many roles including as Branch Chief in the Superfund, National Environmental Policy Act, Wetlands, and Indian Lands Environmental Programs.

Gene is most known for his management of lead mining sites. Under his leadership, Region 7 has cleaned-up more than 24,000 residential properties, over 3.9 million cubic yards of lead-contaminated soil, and over 37 million cubic yards of lead contaminated mine waste on over 10,700 acres of mining impacted lands. These actions produced significant reductions in the percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels. In addition, Gene has worked tirelessly with state and local authorities to build effective partnerships for lead abatement and education programs.

Gene is now leading the effort to address the hundreds of miles of streams and rivers impacted by historic mining practices. His team is piloting river bank and instream projects to determine the most effective way to address the ongoing movement of contaminated sediment in the watersheds without destroying the existing habitat and resource uses.

Gene led a major shift in the Superfund construction contracting strategy. He spearheaded a transition from large pre-placed contracts to competitively awarded contracts to small and disadvantaged businesses. With Gene's leadership, the program has awarded over 40 contracts worth over \$450 million to small businesses resulting in savings of over \$100 million in remedial action funds.

Gene has participated in multiple negotiations, depositions and in bankruptcy court, compelling responsible parties to address mining impacts to human health and the environment. Cost recovery from these negotiations has totaled over \$400 million and in significant additional work by responsible parties.

In recognition of his work, Gene has received numerous national EPA awards throughout his career. The above examples are achievements that highlight a truly remarkable career. Gene has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to protecting human health and the environment, to leading change, and to be a wonderful colleague, supervisor, and friend.

**United States Government
Distinguished Military/Military Support Award**



Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Nguyen
Transportation Program Specialist-Community Planner
Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

After graduating from Kansas State University, Mr. Daniel Nguyen started his public service career in 1998 working for the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Since 2006, Mr. Nguyen has served as a Community Planner for the Federal Transit Administration Region VII Office in Kansas City, Missouri. His daily duties include working with transit systems, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, State Departments of Transportation, and other US DOT modes in the four states of Region VII (Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska).

Concurrent with his civilian career, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Nguyen also a member of the United States Army Reserve. He has been serving for over 28 years. Upon completion of Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Kansas State University in 1997, he was commissioned as a Signal Officer. He is currently assigned with the Defense Contract Management Agency – Army Reserve Element (DCMA-ARE) as its Joint Operations Officer. In December 2018, Lieutenant Colonel Nguyen was accepted into the United States Army War College Class of 2021, which is a very high honor in military service. During his military public service, he has had multiple deployments to Iraq and Qatar and has been awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal (Two Stars), Defense Meritorious Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Ribbon and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

**United States Government
Distinguished Public Safety - Award**



CHARLES SCHWARZ
Law Enforcement Specialist (Inspector)
Department of Homeland Security
Federal Protective Service Region VI

Inspector Charles T. Schwarz is an outstanding law enforcement professional and Federal Protective Service (FPS) team member. Schwarz demonstrated his extraordinary commitment to public safety and notable writing skills during Fiscal Year 2018 when the FPS Region 6 Western District had a challenging Facility Security Assessment (FSA) schedule. Schwarz not only volunteered to complete several FSAs beyond those initially assigned, but he also dedicated time and attention to assist other inspectors in the completion of their assessments as well. Overall, Inspector Schwarz completed nine FSAs independently and assisted in writing twenty-two others – including several for Facility Security Level 3s and 4s, which demand greater time and attention due to additional information and other requirements. Schwarz is an outstanding writer, and his FSAs were comparable in quality to a much more experienced inspector. Inspector Schwarz proved to be a dedicated and capable member of Region 6 whose efforts were instrumental in the Western District accomplishing its FSA mission for FY18.

Inspector Schwarz also deployed to Portland, Oregon in support of Operation Nail Head in June and July of 2018. During this operation, the demonstrators shut down the entire ICE Facility and created a dangerous environment. Inspector Schwarz worked as a member of the Quick Reaction Team and provided riot control during the demonstrations and perimeter security after the demonstrators were evicted by FPS and the Portland police. Inspector Schwarz received a Certificate of Recognition and was awarded the Uniform Service Award for his outstanding performance during the deployment.

In addition, over the past year Inspector Schwarz conducted eight Active Shooter Training Classes to 145 customers, two Workplace Violence Classes to 12 customers, a Crime Prevention Class to 17 customers and a Security Awareness Class to eight customers.

United States Government Distinguished Team Award

Cloud Access Security Platform (CASP) AG Cloud Team *Department of Agriculture National Information Technology Center*



Federal Staff

Jeff Claunch – Management Sponsor, Rich Barr, Wes Carpenter, Travis Price, Jason Runyan, Chris Smith, Russ McDowell, Eyad Kozaat, Brandon Sifford

Contractor Staff

Patrick Davis, Dean Stoddard, Avinash Vellori, Mark Zemelman – Project Manager, Robert Williams, Vinnie Lima, Linda Bernskoetter

The USDA's National Information Technology Center (NITC) led the effort to resolve complexity, prolonged startup times, and high costs associated with the adoption of cloud. Technical teams within the organization met to compile, review, and experiment with various automation methods to provide customers with faster, less complex, and supported methods to consume cloud infrastructure quickly and efficiently. Teams implemented, configured, and automated cloud security and compliance across multiple cloud infrastructure providers including Microsoft Azure GovCloud, Amazon Web Services GovCloud, and an on-premise private cloud. The Cloud Access Security Platform managed services provide defense in depth protection through the implementation of the NIST 800-53 revision 4 security controls culminating in a FISMA Moderate rating.

Additionally, the team has elevated customer experience through a single customer self-service portal called AgCloud that enables multi-cloud management, provides for comparative and competitive pricing, includes a pre-approved and authorized method to consume cloud by the department, and automatically provisions Cloud Access Security Platform managed services that account for laborious, time-consuming activities including a built-in Authority to Operate. The service is fully supported and operated by the NITC's 24x7, tiered operational support staff providing fanatical customer support.

The NITC team has overcome many cutting edge, technical hurdles to enable all USDA customers to gain immediate entry into multi-cloud environments without having to go through complex and expensive processes. Deployment into secure and compliant cloud infrastructures can now happen in as little as a day down from an estimated 3-6 months. This includes the time to garner cloud service provider agreements/contracts, set up complicated infrastructure and General Support Systems, gain an Authority to Test and Authority to Operate, among other factors. The Cloud Access Security Platform managed services provide true business value as the USDA mission areas are now freed up to devote their focus to their mission applications and speed up application delivery to support our citizen farmers, ranchers, producers, and foresters.

**United States Government
Distinguished Technical Service Award**



Joe Wallace
*Facilities Specialist - Data Center
Department of Agriculture
National Information Technology Center*

Joe Wallace and his team implemented cutting-edge, innovative methods adopted in the private sector to modernize the USDA Enterprise Data Centers by using an on-concrete design versus traditional raised flooring, hot aisle containment, overhead power rails allowing for immediate electrical access, free cooling and water-cooled air-conditioning systems, and LED lighting, all while maintaining a professional and beautiful workspace. This effort put the National Information Technology Center (NITC) on par with the private sector, commercial facilities.

Joe's contribution will save the USDA and tax payers a significant amount of money each year estimated at more \$400k/year and has been realized in energy cost savings alone in 2018. In addition, Joe is helping the NITC to increase energy efficiencies (commonly referred to as Power Usage Effectiveness or PUE in the data center) and ensure the data center is set for the future hosting of the USDA's information technology workloads.

Joe Wallace meticulously manages the NITC data center facility and environmental systems on a 24x7 basis in addition to multi-million-dollar renovations and contracts. He works across the organization as well as with GSA Region 6, Telecommunications providers such as AT&T and CenturyLink, construction contractors, electrical contractors, police/fire (when necessary), and entities within state government, to name a few.

Joe's passion for the data center and the NITC customers is evident in the way he represents the facility to customers and staff. Joe's positive attitude and insistence on doing things the right way even if it is more difficult are prevalent and appreciated. Doing things half way is not in his vocabulary and he models that for his team and others within the Center.

Joe Wallace's accomplishments have significantly contributed to the NITC's reputation as an Enterprise Data Center of excellence and is being modeled across the Federal government through partnership with the White House's Office of American Innovation. Joe's modernization efforts have resulted in lowering data center operating costs which have translated into lowering the monthly hosting service fees charged to the NITC's Federal customers.

**United States Government
Distinguished Trade/Craft Service Award**



Ricky Hamilton
*Industrial Equipment Technician
Department of Veterans Affairs
Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

Rick Hamilton is a 4-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. During his first two years in the Corps, he was in the Infantry, and the other two years he served in the electronics field at a nuclear facility.

After an honorable discharge, he went to work at Worlds of Fun as a mechanic, where he rose through the ranks and became a General Forman. Rick left Worlds of Fun after 25 years of dedicated service, when he began his work at the Kansas City VA Medical Center as an Industrial Equipment Mechanic in January 2008.

Rick's work encompasses a wide range of journeyman-level skillsets. Rick is not only an expert fabricator and welder, but he is also highly skilled at troubleshooting malfunctioning equipment.

Being an Industrial Equipment Mechanic at a facility that has been in regular operation for over 60 years can be quite challenging. A lot of the materials and equipment that are in use no longer have replacement parts available due to their age, and KCVAMC often relies on Rick to repair the part, or completely fabricate something new to replace it.

Rick is highly respected by his coworkers. Every trade in Facilities Management has used Rick's expertise and skills. To list all of his accomplishments would be quite lengthy, but Rick regularly works on hydraulic pumps and systems, HVAC equipment, steam and condensate equipment, lawn and snow removal equipment, and multiple pumps and motors, just to list a few.

Rick has also maintained food service equipment for Nutrition and Food Service for many years. When a piece of cooking equipment fails, Rick immediately responds, so that meals for veterans, families, and employees are not affected—directly impacting their satisfaction and health.

Rick is always seen with tools or materials in his hands, working at any one of the many buildings on the Medical Center's campus. He's seen so much that at times it seems like there's an army of Rickys working to serve veterans at KCVAMC.

It doesn't take long for those who he works with to recognize how great of an asset Rick is to KCVAMC, and KCVAMC Facilities Management is proud to have Rick on their team.

United States Government Distinguished Valor - Award



LT CHAD MARTIE
Supervisory Police Officer
Department of Veterans Affairs
Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Lieutenant Chad Martie retired from the United States Army in January 2013 where he served in many different roles to include Military Police Officer, Military Police Team Leader, Squad Leader, and Platoon Sergeant. He further advanced his career by changing over to Military Police Investigations, Criminal Investigations and working as Personal Security for high ranking officials and dignitaries. He has served in numerous deployments and missions in support of operations overseas.

After the military, Lt. Martie took a position with William Jewell College where he was the Director of Safety and Security, supervising nine officers, and worked hand-in-hand with Liberty Police Department and the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Martie started with the Kansas City VA Medical Center in November 2015 as a Police Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant in December of 2016 when he took over as the Watch Commander for night shift.

Lt. Martie runs day-to-day operations for the Police Department where he is the supervisor of three shifts of 15 officers and four dispatchers. He is a member of the Disruptive Behavior Committee, Employee Threat Assessment Team, and Employee Engagement Committee. He is also a Firearms Instructor and supervisor of the Bike Patrol Section.

Lt. Martie serves his community in different roles including teaching CPR and First Aid and volunteering with Liberty Parks and Rec as an assistant Soccer and Basketball Coach. He is also a member of a CERT Search and Rescue Team and assists with Emergency Management and Active Shooter Drills. With all these responsibilities and roles, he enjoys spending time to be with his family, wife Jennifer, his four daughters, and two grandsons.

KCVAMC Police is proud to have Lt. Chad Martie as part of their team.