

## **WILLIAM J. WALKER, CFE**

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### **SUMMARY**

Accomplished safety, security, and threat mitigation professional with a proven record of success designing, developing and integrating organization-wide strategies to safeguard people, facilities and data from internal and external vulnerabilities. Retired U.S. Army General Officer, and former Federal Senior Executive Service member with over 35 years of in-depth experience in law enforcement, intelligence gathering, strategic planning and regulatory control of chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), skilled in uncovering embezzlement, fraud, waste, and abuse, and assessing insider risks. Extensive foreign experience, having traveled and worked throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and South America. Active Top Secret, Security Clearance.

### **KEY SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

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#### **38<sup>TH</sup> SERGEANT AT ARMS, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

2021 – 2023

Sworn in as Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives on April 26, 2021, becoming the 38th person and first African American to hold this post since its inception in 1789. Served as the chief law enforcement, security, safety, and protocol officer for the 117th Congress, with responsibility for maintaining order on the House Floor and the life, safety, and security of the 13,000 employees and millions of people who visit the United States Capitol complex annually. Chaired the United States Capitol Police (USCP) Board in 2022, implemented Task Force 1/6 recommendations in the aftermath of the January 6, 2021, attack, and breach of the U.S. Capitol. Closed the 2017 Government Accountability Office audit findings to enhance accountability, transparency, and external communication.

Provided the vision and framework to develop and implement innovative strategies that helped strengthen security at the Nation's Capital, its workforce, and visitors. Improved security for Members of Congress, their families, staff, visiting dignitaries and other visitors to the Capitol complex. Introduced contract Capitol Security Officers to augment the USCP. Enhanced travel security for Members, initiated the Residential Security Program for Members and increased police presence and physical security at mass Member gatherings. Enhanced liaison with foreign counterparts, and travelled to Canada, Israel, and the United Kingdom to discuss Member and physical security best practices, common threats, and shared concerns. Implemented comprehensive Member security upgrades that will endure.

#### **Commanding General, District of Columbia National Guard**

2017 – 2021

U.S. Army Major General, (two star) served by Presidential appointment as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Commanding General, District of Columbia Army, and Air National Guard (DCNG). Reported to the Secretary of Defense through Secretary of the Army. Provided determined leadership, strategic vision, and command and control over all Army and Air Force operational matters. Controlled an annual budget exceeding \$70 million, and total assets of \$800 million. Supplied the United States and the District of Columbia with Soldiers and Airmen, trained and equipped to respond to any operational (war) requirement or domestic contingency to include military support to civil authorities. In 2019, established the DCNG partnership with Burkina Faso in West Africa and enhanced the 20-year partnership with Jamaica in the West Indies.

Commanded National Guard civil support to the U.S. Capitol Police following the January 6, 2021, attack, and breach of the U.S. Capitol. Provided command and control for over 28,000 National Guardsmen subsequently assigned to the U.S. Capitol before, during and following the 59th Presidential inauguration, a U.S. Secret Service directed National Security Special Event on January 20, 2021. Also commanded National Guard civil support to the U.S. Secret Service at the White House, and to the U.S. Park Police and the Metropolitan Police Department during the summer riots of 2020 in the District of Columbia following the murder of George Floyd.

**DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) 2010 – 2014  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE (SES) LEVEL IV**

Led and optimized a multi-faceted, special access, intelligence collection and forensic analysis division that categorized indicators of emerging drug threats including narco-terrorism, as well as trafficking patterns, and trends at all levels of illicit production and distribution worldwide. Provided executive leadership for a diverse team of globally deployed intelligence and liaison officers at Joint Interagency Task Force South, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Central Command and U.S. Joint Special Operations Command in support of DEA's Global Drug Flow Attack Strategy and related U.S. policy objectives concerning law enforcement, security and stability. Concurrently led the implementation and development of an insider threat awareness program to improve security against a broad range of hostile operations; increased collaboration with military, law enforcement and Intelligence Community colleagues; closed knowledge gaps on hybrid security threats posed by transnational criminals and continually presented a window for effective policy decisions.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION CENTER, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE [ODNI], SES IV 2009 – 2010**

Competitively selected by the Department of Justice and DEA to serve in an Intelligence Community (IC) Joint Duty Assignment. Directed the day-to-day operations of an IC mission support activity and led an IC staff composed of senior personnel from CIA, Department of Defense and Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, and other organizations. Ensured ODNI senior leaders were provided integrated national and defense intelligence along with analysis that gave meaning and priority to that information. Materially improved data visibility and accessibility as well as insight into likely adversarial courses of action resulting in sustained strategic decision advantage.

**SENIOR IC LIAISON & DEPUTY CHIEF, DEA SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE, SES IV 2006 – 2009**

Built and maintained mutually beneficial relationships with CIA and IC colleagues and served as senior point of contact for communication exchanges. Concurrently led DEA senior intelligence managers in an integrated multi-agency, special access program that collected, analyzed, and converted raw data into an operational picture for policy makers. Optimized productivity by increasing collaboration with the IC and promoting unity of effort on shared concerns and mutual interests. Implemented new protocols to protect classified information and ensure primary mission essential functions would continue during a wide range of predicaments including localized acts of nature, accidents and technological or attack-related emergencies.

**DIRECTOR, DEA OFFICE OF DIVERSION CONTROL, WASHINGTON, DC, SES IV 2004 – 2006**

Led the Pharmaceutical and Chemical Regulatory Control Division, coordinated diversion investigations worldwide, promulgated regulations, and managed a 165 million budget. Provided executive leadership for 500 investigators in 24 domestic and 10 foreign offices: Brazil, Bolivia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, India, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. The most significant being China, a major manufacturer of "dual use" chemicals, utilized for legal drug products, but frequently employed for illicit drugs including methamphetamine. Realized DEA obligations under international treaties to monitor the movement, importation, and export of controlled substances and chemicals across borders, and issue import and export permits.

Influenced the design of State prescription monitoring initiatives and national legislation. Established national pharmaceutical drug production quotas. Expanded liaison with the Food and Drug Administration, the White House Drug Control Policy Office and with international partners; led U.S. delegations to Austria and Belgium to address the United Nations Narcotics Control Board. Delivered presentations on Amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) which are comprised of synthetics including amphetamine, methamphetamine, methcathinone, and ecstasy-type substances. Won support from foreign counterparts that helped DEA reduce the ATS threat.

**DEPUTY AGENT IN CHARGE, DEA NEW YORK DIVISION, NEW YORK, NY, SES III**

2003 – 2004

Chief Operating Officer and second in command of DEA's largest field division. Instituted new security and safety controls statewide to mitigate threats during arrests. Implemented and rehearsed a statewide business continuity plan; approved and tested new personnel and physical security protocols that ensured compliance with OSHA regulations. Simultaneously authorized sensitive, high-risk enforcement and regulatory operations and managed a multi-million operating budget. Introduced internal audit procedures that uncovered fraud and insider threats; increased foreign liaison and led multi-agency delegations to Columbia, South America, China, Hong Kong and Thailand to collaborate with counterparts and develop joint investigative strategies on shared targets.

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**LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, DIPLOMATIC & INVESTIGATIVE POSITIONS**

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**Senior Policy Advisor**, White House, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Washington, DC, [2000 - 2003]

**Inspector**, Planning and Inspections Division, DEA Headquarters, Washington, DC, [1999 - 2000]

**Assistant Special Agent in Charge & Supervisory Special Agent**, DEA San Juan, Puerto Rico, [1995 - 1999]

**Special Agent**, DEA Miami Field Division [1994 - 1995]; **Narcotics Attaché**, Freeport, Bahamas, [1991 - 1994]

Served as the inaugural attaché and principal advisor to the U.S. Ambassador on counter-narcotics initiatives in the Northern Bahamas. Spearheaded bi-lateral operations that disrupted and or denied the transshipment of contraband into the United States via the Northern Bahamas. **Assistant Narcotics Attaché**, Nassau, Bahamas [1988 - 1991] Materially strengthened the evidence gathering and narcotics control capabilities of the Bahamas law enforcement community; **Special Agent**, DEA New York Field Division, [1984 - 1988] **Special Agent**, DEA Chicago Field Division [1983 - 1984] Conducted and led complex transnational criminal investigations.

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**ADDITIONAL MILITARY SERVICE**

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UNITED STATES ARMY AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 1981 – 2021

VETERAN OF OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE AND ENDURING FREEDOM

STRATEGIC PLANNING - SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITY - DISASTER RESPONSE - CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

**Commanding General, District of Columbia Army National Guard**

2015 – 2017

U.S. Army Brigadier General (one star) responsible for supplying the United States and the District of Columbia with Army Soldiers manned, trained, and equipped to respond to any wartime manpower requirement or domestic contingency. Provided strategic vision and executive leadership for all units assigned and attached to the District of Columbia Army National Guard. Designated Joint Task Force Commander for military support to civil authority requests in the District of Columbia to include those designated National Special Security Events (NSSE) by the Department of Homeland Security. Led over six thousand Guardsmen supporting the U.S. Secret Service before and during the 58<sup>th</sup> Presidential inauguration NSSE on January 20, 2017. Served as Joint Task Force Commander for the 2015 Papal visit to Washington, DC, which at that time was the largest NSSE in U.S. history.

**Commander, Mobilization Command, District of Columbia Army National Guard**

2013 – 2015

Provided leadership for a unique unit that augments operations centers of the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard and other government agencies with action and operations officers. Supplied centers with expertise in anti-terrorism force protection; emergency and risk management; strategic and deliberate planning, and crisis decision making. Ensured members remained skilled in the FEMA Incident Command System and joint, interagency, inter-governmental and multi-agency operations. Served as Deputy Commander, 57<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration; coordinated contingency plans and defense support to civilian authorities for the NSSE. Served in Afghanistan with the International Security Assistance Force and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

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**VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE****BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YOUNG MARINES****EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT - RISK ASSESSMENT & DUE DILIGENCE - INTERNAL CONTROLS & MONITORING****Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Young Marines of the Marine Corps League** 2013 – 2020

Shared vision and provided leadership to a non-profit 501(c)(3) youth education and service program for 10,000 boys and girls ages 8 to 18. Together with the Chairman set expectations for board conduct; specifying frameworks for informed decision making and ensured links were maintained nationwide among Young Marines people, principles, policies, processes, and performance. The Board of Director's objective is to maintain a high-quality youth development program that nurtures and develops its members into becoming responsible citizens who contribute to society and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

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**EDUCATION****MASTER OF ARTS** – International Service, American University, Washington, DC, 2006**MASTER OF SCIENCE** – Strategic Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Washington, DC, 2002**MASTER OF SCIENCE** – Criminal Justice, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL, 1990**BACHELOR OF ARTS** – Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, 1980

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**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS****DIPLOMA** – Harvard University, Homeland Security Executive Seminar, 2019**DIPLOMA** – Syracuse University, National Security Studies Management Course, 2017**DIPLOMA** – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seminar XXI, International Relations Fellowship, 2014**DIPLOMA** – Naval Post Graduate School, Homeland Defense & Security, Executive Leaders Program, 2011**DIPLOMA** – National Intelligence University, Intelligence Community, Senior Leadership Program, 2009**DIPLOMA** – George Washington University, National Security Studies Program, 2007**DIPLOMA** – Harvard University, National & International, Senior Executive Security Program, 2003

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**CERTIFICATIONS****CERTIFICATE** – FEMA Emergency Management Institute, Continuity of Operations Program Manager, 2010**CERTIFICATE** – Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), 2009

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Council on Foreign Relations, Life member

International Association of Chiefs of Police, Life member

National Academy of Public Administration, Life member

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Life member

U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Association, Life member

U.S. Army Strategist Association, Life member