

## Juliana "Julie" Walker

Julie Walker is a United States Air Force Veteran who began her military career as an enlisted member and was later commissioned through the United States Air Force Academy to serve as a Logistics Officer. She holds a BS from the United States Air Force Academy, MA from the George Washington University and MA in Homeland Security and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School.

As a military officer, Julie was dedicated to service and held a variety of leadership and staff positions in the logistics, legislative, executive and protocol fields. She held roles at the wing, major command, numbered air force, air staff and joint staff levels. As a Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander overseas, she led her unit to the honor of best in the Air Force. Her team of over 340 U.S. and foreign national personnel was responsible for the wing's wartime mission of deployment and reception, directly supporting F-16 combat aircraft with full spectrum logistics. She also had the unique opportunity to serve as the first logistics supervisor at the Presidential Airlift Group where she was responsible for all maintenance and logistics actions performed on Presidential VC-25A (Air Force One) aircraft. She led elite logistics personnel and served as the primary logistics advisor for the Presidential fleet, managing all flightline maintenance during Air Force One Presidential missions. Additionally, she had the privilege of being competitively-selected to serve in the White House for two sitting Presidents of the United States as a White House Military Social Aide.

After serving 33 ½ years on Active Duty, Julie retired from the Pentagon as the Joint Logistics Directorate's Strategy and Strategic Engagements Officer at the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this role, her leadership, expertise, and personal dedication were critical to the successful coordination and execution of operations such as ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE, and multiple other worldwide efforts. Her outstanding military acumen, organizational leadership, and superior coordination of U.S. and allied military assets helped fulfill numerous humanitarian assistance and non-combatant operations from major natural disasters to the Ebola pandemic.

In retirement, Julie continues to be dedicated to service as a strong advocate for wounded, ill and injured service members and disabled Veterans. She works closely with the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2) as an ambassador, mentor and adaptive sports athlete. She supports and assists wounded, ill and injured service members to enable successful navigation of the recovery process, helping to build confidence, trust, motivation and resiliency. She also provides a model for hope and helps inspire confidence that recovering Airmen can meet and overcome everyday challenges. As an adaptive sports athlete, she had the incredible honor of being selected as a member of the 2018 Air Force Warrior Games Team, competing at her alma mater, the United States Air Force Academy. During competition, she won 3 Gold medals and set 2 Warrior Games Records within her classification.

Julie also works closely with the American Cancer Society as a speaker, advocate and ambassador. She seeks to raise awareness within the community by utilizing multiple forums and virtual platforms to provide hope and healing to patients and caregivers; as well as encouragement to staff and healthcare workers. She was recently named as a committee member for the American Cancer Society campaign for a \$10M renovation project and facility move for the Baltimore Hope Lodge. This effort enables the American Cancer Society to provide free lodging to 30% more guests while continuing to provide access to the lifesaving care available in the Baltimore Area. She's thrilled to assist in this important endeavor and looks forward to continuing her passion and dedication to support and advocate for those surviving and thriving from serious wounds, illnesses and injuries.