

**John "Spike" Garcia, SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
Resume**

HLSR Volunteer Experience

Armed Forces Appreciation Committee

- 2021 - 2024** **Chairman, Armed Forces Appreciation Committee**
- JrROTC Drill & Ceremony demonstration w/up to 80 JrROTC participants & 4 HISD schools
 - Three-Star US Army General, LTG Bernabe senior General Officer
 - Medal of Honor Recipient, CSM Williams in attendance at AFAD
 - Secured all 20 Military and Veterans, 1 per night for the Crown Royal Military Recognition
 - Honored 70 Texas Rangers on the Star stage on FRD
 - Texas ranger, Chief Jason Taylor, keynote speaker at FRD ceremony
 - Governor Greg Abbott presented First Responder of the Year recipients at FRD ceremony
 - Three-Star US Army General, LTG Gervais senior General Officer
 - Four-Star, US Army General, GEN Funk guest speaker at committee meeting
 - Medal of Honor Recipient, SSgt David Bellavida in attendance at AFAD
- 2019 - 2020** **Captain**
- High Profile Units Subcommittee Secured a M109A6 155MM Artillery Paladin and M2A3 Fighting Bradley first time statics on AFAD
 - Awarded Chairman's Outstanding Recognition Pin, 2020
- 2016-2018** **Committee Member, High Profile Units**
- Responsible for all military static displays
 - Secured the Chaplain, joint color guard and National Anthem singer
- 2012-2015** **Coordinator, High Profile Units**
- Responsible for all military static displays
 - Secured the Chaplain, joint color guard and National Anthem singer
- 2011** **Committee Member, High Profile Units and Day 1 committee member**
- Responsible for all military static displays
 - Secured the Chaplain, joint color guard and National Anthem singer

Salute To Our Troops Task Force

- 2010** **Member**
- Secured and "Called-In" 2X F-16 Fighter jets for the Welcome Ceremony (Active Duty status)

Salute To Our Troops Houston

- 2009** **Member**
- Secured and "Called-In" 4X F-16 Fighter jets for the Welcome Ceremony (Active Duty status)
 - Secured having several members of the Salute To Our Troops Houston to fly on a KC-135 and watch our F-16 fighter jets refuel in mid-air over the Gulf Coast

US Military Service Academy and Veteran Advisory Boards

- 2008-2018** **US Military Service Academy Board**
- Appointed by US Congressman Ted Poe's to serve on his US Military Service Academy Nominating Board
- 2015-2018** **Hispanic Advisory Board**
- Served on US Congressman Ted Poe's Hispanic Advisory Board
- 2019-Present** **Veterans Advisory Board**
- Serve on US Congressman Brian Babin's Veterans Advisory Board

Outreach / Transition Assistance

- 2019-Present Fort Hood and III Corps soldiers and family members**
- Facilitated a BBQ cook-team from AFAC, HLSR to purchase, cook and feed 5K soldiers and their family members at Ft Hood
 - Collaborated with Cowboys for Heroes and participated in cooking and feeding 20K soldiers and their family members at Ft Hood. Event is an annual event
- 2017–2019 Phillips66 Corporate Veterans Day Ceremony**
- National Anthem performed by quartet from III Corps
 - Female Major from Fort Hood keynote speaker
 - 13TH ESC leadership had tour of Board Room and lunch with C-suite members
- 2017-Present Houston Rockets Heroes 9/11 Luncheon and Veterans Day Ceremony**
- BG Ronald R. Regan keynote speaker
 - Secured speakers for panel discussion to include F-16 pilot that escorted Air Force One on 9/11
 - National Anthem performed by quartet by III Corps
 - Native Houstonian and University of Houston graduate participate in “First Shot” charity program, 13th ESC, Deputy Commander
 - F-16 fighter pilot who escorted Air Force One on 9/11 participate in “First Shot” charity program
- 2018, 2019 Houston Astros Military Appreciation game**
- BG Darren L. Werner performed oath of re-enlistment for 100 soldiers during pregame ceremonies
 - BG Darren L. Werner gave speech on significance of re-enlist oath
 - Family members of soldiers re-enlisted attended the event
 - Presented the colors and quartet sang National Anthem by III Corps
 - BG Darren L. Werner threw first pitch
- 2018-Present Atlanta Hawks Military Recognition Program**
- Advises and executes Sr. VP, Joe Abercrombie, Atlanta Hawks with their Military Recognition game
 - COL Stephen Ruth keynote speaker during brunch prior to Military Recognition game
 - Atlanta Recruiting BN Army participated in the program and on-court recognition
 - Presented with a Letter from TRADOC Commander, General Paul E. Funk II on selection as a “Good Neighbor” and introduction to the Atlanta Hawks
- 2019 III Corps and Ft Hood Commanding General**
- LTG Paul E. Funk II, CG and CSM Daniel T. Hendrex honored on court at a Houston Rockets game in recognition for all of the soldiers assigned to his command
- 2020 III Corps and Ft Hood “Good Neighbor” program**
- Inducted in the “Good Neighbor” program for III Corps and Ft Hood Class 2020
 - Fort Hood’s Good Neighbor Program began in 1996 to recognize select members of the community whose contributions have significantly enhanced the lives of Soldiers and their Families
- 2020 TRADOC, CG meeting with educators**
- Participated in General Paul E. Funk II meeting with key educators from local school districts
 - Discussed the transition aspect for soldiers
 - Received an award for Excellence in Appreciation for Your Support, TRADOC, CG
- 2020 University of Houston football game**
- BG Darren L. Werner performed oath of re-enlistment for 20 soldiers at halftime
 - BG Darren L. Werner gave speech on significance of re-enlist oath
- 2020 WWII 75th Anniversary hosted by French Consulate**
- Held at Lone Star Flight Museum, Houston, TX

- Music performed by First Calvary Band
- Representatives from all of the countries that participated in the D-Day invasion were in attendance

- 2019, 2020 Houston Texans Salute to Service game
- Fighting Bradley static display for Texans Military Appreciation game
 - T/4 Virgil Poe, WWII veteran, US Army Hometown Hero Team Captain
- 2019 ExxonMobil Corporate Veteran's Day Celebration
- BG Darren L. Werner speaker at ExxonMobil's corporate VD celebration
 - Introductions to President of a business unit and Corporate HR Manager
- 2020 Great Houston Partnership (Chamber of Commerce, City of Houston)
- Meeting between President of GHP and BG Darren L. Werner
 - Discussed "Work Up" program targets prospective candidates for employment with technical skills
 - BG Werner follow-up by sending SFL-TAPS Manager to meet with GHP
- 2020 Combined Arms (CAX)
- BG Darren L. Werner met with CEO, CAX to discuss one-stop transition assistance for service members to connect with 70+ VSOs (employment, financial assistance and mental health)
- 2021 Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood
- Planning a trip for the CG to meet with the Mayor of Houston, key educators and ExxonMobil's Veteran Advocacy Support Team and Executive Sponsor, President of the of Global Projects

Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) and Military Network (MilNet)

- 2011-2018 Lone Star Veterans Association (LSVA)
- Board of Director, Community Outreach (2016-2019)
 - Increased awareness of transition assistance programs for active duty, Guard and Reserve members
 - LSVA merged with Combined Arms (2019)
- 2012-2017 FMC Technologies / Technip
- Chairman, Community Outreach Military Network for FMC Technologies North America and founding member
 - Planned and executed over 20 community and on campus veteran events
- 2014-2018 Gulf Coast Sentinels, Non-Profit
- Volunteer to assist organization to provide wounded post 9/11 veterans with a modified home at "no cost"
 - Chairman, Board of Directors (2016-2018)
- 2018 Chevron USA
- Corporate MilNet consultant (volunteer) and advised on process improvement
- 2019 ExxonMobil Corporate
- Consultant (volunteer) on the Veteran Advocacy Support Team (VAST) Annual Steering Committee
 - Consulted VAST on civic, service projects and engagements
- 2020-Present Gary Sinise Foundation (GSF)
- Coordinated with GSF and will have 250 Gold Star families as guest to the 2021 Armed Forces Appreciation Day, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

- Facilitated between GSF and La Porte Fire Department for a grant application to purchase lifesaving firefighting equipment (\$25K grant awarded in 2021)
- Connected the Fire Chief at Beale AFB and the GSF to provide contacts with transient volunteer fire fighters who are battling the California wildfires to provide grant assistance
- Made request and received approval for \$9K grant from GSF to purchase furniture needed at the new and larger Halls of Remembrance, survivor services outreach center at Ft Hood

Military Recognition Consultant

2002-Present Houston Texans, NFL (National Football League)

- Serve as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer)
- Advises and executes their military recognition (100+)

2010-Present Houston Rockets, NBA (National Basketball League)

- Serve as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer)
- Advised and executes their military recognition programs (100+ events)

2010-Present Houston Astros, MLB (National Baseball League)

- Serve as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer)
- Advises and executes their military recognition programs (100+ events)

2006-2017 Houston Dynamo FC, MLS (Major League Soccer)

- Served as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer)
- Advised and executes their military recognition programs (40+ events)

2014-2017 Houston Dash, NWSL (National Women's Soccer League)

- Served as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer role)
- Advised on the planning and execution their annual military recognition program

2013 NBA All-Star Weekend (Houston)

- Served as the Military Liaison (volunteer)
- Secured service members as guest at every event to include on-court recognition to include the NBA All-Star game

2011, 2016 Men's NCAA Final 4 Houston (National Collegiate Athletic Association)

- Secured military participation during pre-game ceremony of the NCAA Championship game (2011)
- Served on Houston's NCAA Final 4 Houston/Military Host Committee (2016)
- Chaired the "Final 4 Welcome Ceremony"
- Military aircraft and tracked vehicles statics
- 60 military members holding US flags for "Final 4 Welcome Ceremony" and arrival of all 4 teams

2018-Present Atlanta Hawks, NBA (National Basketball League)

- Serve as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer) and work directly with Sr. VP, Joe Abercrombie
- Advised on the planning and execution of their military recognition game
- Secures the keynote speaker each year

2020 & 2023 Houston Roughnecks XFL

- Served as the Military Recognition Consultant (volunteer)
- Advised on the planning and execution of their military recognition programs

Military Service

1983-1986 US Army (RA)

- Enlisted in the US Army and received Honorable Discharge

- Received Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Overseas Ribbon
- Assigned to 330th Ordinance Company, PLL Clerk

1987-2011

Texas Air National Guard (TxANG)

- Retired at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant, (E-8)
- Served as the Airfield Manager and Superintendent for the 147th Operations Support Squadron, F-16 Operations and Predator Operations responsible for 7 sections and 100 airmen
- Served on the Senior Enlisted Advisory Council for the Texas Air National Guard
- Selected as the Outstanding Senior Non-Commixed Officer of the Year for the State of Texas
- Deployed in support of Operation IRAQI Freedom (2005, 2007)
- 332ND Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS), F-16 Senior enlisted
- Awarded the 332nd EFS Commander's Award
- Volunteered at the Air Force Theatre Hospital (AFTH) unloading wounded from medivacs, assisted in the Emergency Room, Operating room and Intensive Care Unit

Civilian employment

2023-Present Operation Red Wings Foundation formerly known as Lone Survivor Foundation

- Director of Donor Relations
- Travel the country giving speeches, educating veterans on our services and raising funds to provide our PTSD retreats at "No Cost" to our veterans.