



MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. WALKER, USA (RET),

38TH SERGEANT AT ARMS

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable William J. Walker was sworn in as Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives on April 26, 2021 during the 1st session of the 117th Congress. As an elected officer, the Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement and senior protocol officer of the House of Representatives and is responsible for maintaining order on the House side of the United States Capitol. The Sergeant at Arms reviews all matters relating to the safety and security of Members of Congress, their staff, and the Capitol. The Sergeant at Arms duties include oversight of emergency management and continuity of government operations for the House, the issuance, administration and verification of staff security clearances, and the handling of classified materials. General Walker is a member of the U.S. Capitol Police Board and serves as the Chairmen in alternating years.

Prior to his Sergeant at Arms appointment, Major General Walker was the 23rd Commanding General of the District of Columbia Army and Air Force National Guard (DCNG). He provided the strategic leadership that ensured units were manned, trained, and equipped for war or any national emergency. DCNG deployments include Iraq, Afghanistan, Poland, and Saudi Arabia. General Walker oversaw the 113th Wing, F-16 Fighting Falcon, which secures the skies over the Nation's Capital day-to-day, and the C-40 Clipper that transports members of Congress and other dignitaries globally. He also directed the military-to-military partnerships the DCNG enjoys with the Burkina Faso Armed Forces in West Africa, and with the Jamaica Defence Force, in the West Indies under the Department of Defense, State Partnership Program. General Walker is a Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom where he served at the American Embassy in Kabul and with the Afghanistan International Security Assistance Force.

General Walker concurrently served as a National Guardsmen and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent for thirty years in varied national and international positions of increasing trust. Promoted to the Senior Executive Service rank in 2003 and appointed an Intelligence Community, Senior National Intelligence Officer by the Director of National Intelligence in 2009, his final senior executive position was Deputy Assistant Administrator in Charge of Strategic Warning at DEA Headquarters. General Walker was educated at the University of Illinois at Chicago (BA), Chicago State University (MS), the National Intelligence University (MS), and American University (MA). He completed National Security Programs at Harvard, George Washington, and Syracuse Universities; the Homeland Security Leadership Program at the Naval Post Graduate School, and the Seminar XXI International Relations Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. General Walker is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities.