

Jack Hammond, Brigadier General USA Ret.

Biographical Sketch

Brigadier General Jack Hammond is a retired U.S. Army officer and a Veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan. Serving in the Army for more than three decades he has led at every level of command from platoon to brigade, during peace and war. In 2012 Hammond was invited to lead Home Base, which is a unique partnership between the Boston Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital. Home Base established the nation's first private sector *Center of Excellence* for the mental health and brain injuries impacting our wounded veterans and their families. This clinical program was designed to leverage the faculty and deep clinical resources of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in order to deliver the best possible clinical care in the country for our veterans and families at no cost to them. Home Base has reimagined what is possible in the treatment of these complex injuries and developed new and innovative solutions, saving thousands of lives and caring for more than 25,000 veterans and families through the funding support from a grateful nation.



General Hammond is a proven combat leader and entrepreneur, and has led U.S. and NATO forces in combat and counter-terrorism operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2003 Hammond was tasked to simultaneously command two separate Battalion level Task Forces, one in Fallujah and the other in the Balad region of the Sunni-Triangle in Iraq. General Hammond survived 5 separate near ambushes and successfully led intelligence-fused operations that resulted in more than one hundred successful raids and counter-terrorist operations. These operations resulted in the capture of a significant number of high value insurgents, bomb making materials, and weapons. General Hammond was decorated for valor during combat in Fallujah, Iraq, and his commands received multiple awards for extraordinary heroism.

General Hammond was selected as part of the top one percent of Army officers to complete a one-year National Security Fellowship at Harvard University in 2006, where his research focused on *Institutionalizing Intelligence-Led Counterterrorism Operations*. In 2011, Hammond deployed to Afghanistan as the Commander of US Forces in Kabul Province, and was the first Massachusetts Army officer promoted to the General Officer rank in combat since World War II. Responsible for synchronizing the security of Kabul Province and the 11 US Bases operating in the Capital region, General Hammond's Task Force Yankee constructed the first Kabul-centric intelligence-fused operations center and successfully responded to complex attacks on the U.S. Embassy, NATO Headquarters, the British Council, the Afghan Military Hospital, and a mass casualty suicide bombing that claimed the lives of 17 US and NATO members.

At the height of the pandemic surge during the spring of 2020, General Hammond was called upon by the Governor of Massachusetts to build and operate a 1,000 bed field hospital for Covid patients called Boston Hope. This 1,000 room Boston Hope field hospital was built in 5 days, 1,000 clinicians and staff were hired and trained, and it became operational within 7 days. Boston Hope successfully provided post-acute, intensive, and respite care for more than 700 COVID patients during this three-month time and did not lose a single patient.

General Hammond has advised President Obama's Commission on *Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization* & the *White House Veterans and Military Family Mental Health Conference*, President George W. Bush's Health and Well Being Task Force and Warrior Wellness Alliance, Secretary Bob McDonald's *MyVA Advisory Committee*, Governor Mitt Romney's *Homeland Security Advisory Council*, and Governor Charlie Baker's *Healthcare Transition Team & Veteran Advisory Council*. He was the co-founder and Board Member for the Cystinosis Research Network, and leads the Military Advisory Board for the NanoDX company.

General Hammond's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Medals (one for combat service), the Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals (one for Valor), two Valorous Unit Awards, the Combat Action Badge, the French Medal of National Defense, and the Bulgarian Medal of Mission Support. Hammond received the National VFW Commander in Chief's Gold Medal of Merit in 2019. In 2020, General Hammond received the American Red Cross Heroes Award for his work at Boston Hope, and was also inducted into the US Army Military Police Hall of Fame.

General Hammond earned a BS from the University of Massachusetts, an MS from Boston University, and completed a National Security Fellowship at Harvard University. In addition to the many military schools completed during his 31 years of service, Hammond also attended the Israeli Defense Force's *International Crisis Management Program* and the *NATO Counter Insurgent Leader Course* in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Notable Speaking Events

- John F. Kennedy Library, New Frontier Leadership Speaker Series – June 2020
- MIT Leadership Symposium, Cambridge, MA - October 2019
- Democratic National Caucus Dinner, Washing D.C. - August 2019
- VFW National Convention, Orlando FL - July 2019
- Kennsington Palace, London UK - June 2019
- Parliament, London UK - June 2019
- Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program, George W. Bush Institute, Washington DC – Oct. 2018
- George W. Bush Presidential Bush Library Leadership Symposium, Dallas TX – Sept. 2016
- Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, Capital Building, Washington DC - May 2016
- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston Globe Summer Forums, Boston, MA – June 2014
- Harvard Medical School (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation) Graduation Ceremony - June 2014
- Presidential Commission (Military Compensation & Retirement) Washington DC – Feb. 2014
- MyVA Presentation to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Boston MA - July 13, 2016
- Mass High Technology Council CEO Roundtable, Boston MA - May 2014
- MITRE Corporation, Bedford, MA – October 2014
- The White House, Presidential Summit on Veterans Health Washington DC – July 2013