

Anthony “Tony” Stewart

Chief Executive Officer, Us for Warriors Foundation



As Chief Executive Officer, Anthony “Tony” Stewart oversees the operational efforts of the Us for Warriors Foundation, or “Us4Warriors,” a veteran support organization he co-founded in 2013. The foundation’s chief architect, he established three basic aims and numerous successful programs designed to help active-duty military, veterans and their families live, prosper and aspire for their dreams. Since the organization’s formation, he has led a dedicated staff of doers and over 4,000 volunteers to help over 35,000 warriors and family member live stronger lives.

In 2016, Us4Warriors was recognized as *San Diego County Veterans Non-Profit of the Year*. For seven years, Tony led the organization as a volunteer Chief Executive Officer. Answering the call to support the organization’s growth and needs stemming from the recent COVID-19 pandemic, he transitioned to full-time executive service in early 2021.

Tony has devoted much of his life championing veterans’ causes. His roots come from over thirty years of dedicated service supporting the nation’s defense. A retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, Tony entered the United States Navy in 1987 from his childhood home in Osborne, Kansas and served the Navy’s Submarine Force for 20 years aboard four of the Navy’s attack and ballistic missile submarines and three submarine support squadrons during the Cold War, Persian Gulf War, and Global War on Terrorism. During his military career, he completed deployments and strategic deterrent patrols in Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, served as lead staff member and counselor for one substance abuse clinic and was awarded numerous unit and personal awards to include two Navy Commendation Medals and nine Navy Achievement Medals.

Prior to his current Us4Warriors role, he briefly served with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a Veteran Services Representative followed by thirteen years of service as Director of Administration for Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command in Coronado, California as a government executive leading support services for the staff training future Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) Special Warfare Operators and Special Warfare Combatant-Crewman (SWCC) Special Boat Operators earning distinction with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Tony is a proud lifetime member of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fleet Reserve Association. A former American Legion District Commander, he led California’s largest county district serving nearly 9,000 legionnaires supporting over 240,000 veterans, 100,000 active-duty military and their families through support of 29 American Legion Posts. Under his leadership, District 22 was recognized as the *San Diego County Veterans Non-Profit of the Year for 2015* with efforts displayed in American Legion’s Annual Congressional Reports, the American Heroes Channel, various publications and highlighted in the American Legion’s National Magazine.

A two-time U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient, he has been recognized as a *Veteran of the Year* for the California State Assembly, County of San Diego, and City of Chula Vista. Tony has served on numerous boards, including the City of Chula Vista Veterans Advisory Commission, County of San Diego Veterans Advisory Council, and the Chula Vista Veterans Home Support Foundation providing counsel in pursuit of veteran’s quality of life and support initiatives. Tony has been sought for U.S. Congressional Testimony to advance Veterans’ causes, most recently regarding the subject of Veterans Hunger during COVID-19 in order to help our government officials seek ways to understand the strains of the pandemic upon veterans and their families.

A passionate leader, Tony is also a partner with Aretanium Executive Group, Inc., a national wellness, engagement and training firm with products and services dedicated to helping leaders and professionals of all ages and stages of their careers by tapping into neuroscience-based strategies for a positional edge in a busy world. His leadership style and philosophy are featured in the book, *The 7 Secrets of Neuron Leadership*, by Best Selling Author William Craig Reed.

A cancer survivor, he has used his battle as a catalyst for the extensive study and proficient certification of various bodies of knowledge on human nature including resilience, rational emotive and cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness, coaching, and counseling as sources for understanding and supporting those struggling with life’s challenges.

Tony holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management Studies and Communications from Excelsior College in Albany, New York; Graduate Certification in Human Resources Management Foundations from the University of Maryland in Adelphi; and a Master of Public Administration from National University in San Diego, California. He has earned multiple awards in the areas of Leadership and Management, Media Communications, and Community Service.

Tony resides in Chula Vista, California with wife, Teri, and is the proud father of four daughters and twelve grandchildren.