



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

**38<sup>TH</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. As an elected officer, the Sergeant at Arms is the chief law enforcement and protocol officer of the House of Representatives and is responsible for maintaining order on the House side of the United States Capitol complex. The Sergeant at Arms reviews and implements all issues relating to the safety and security of Members of Congress and the Capitol complex. Duties include emergency management and continuity of government operations, the issuance, administration and verification of House staff security clearances, and proper handling of classified materials. General Walker serves as a member of the U.S. Capitol Police Board and is the chairman of this Board in alternating years.

Prior to serving as Sergeant at Arms, Major General Walker was the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 113<sup>th</sup> Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon, which secures the skies over the Nation's Capital, and the C-40 Clipper that transports members of Congress and other dignitaries. 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.

For over thirty years, General Walker simultaneously served as a National Guardsman and Special Agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) where he rapidly advanced in national and foreign positions of increasing trust. Promoted to the Senior Executive Service rank in 2003 and appointed as Intelligence Community Senior Intelligence Officer in 2009, his final position was Deputy Assistant Administrator in Charge of 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 University. In addition, he completed the Homeland Security Program at the Naval Post Graduate School and the Seminar XXI International Relations Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the recipient of numerous DEA and military awards.