

# David Wilkins, NCARB, B.Arch' 11, MDS' 13

David Wilkins is a proud military veteran. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1985 to 1989 as an Operations Specialist Third-Class aboard the USS Henry B. Wilson DDG-7 at Naval Station San Diego, CA

David is the Lead Architect at the U.S. Army Systems Soldier Center in Natick, Massachusetts. David's role is to provide design and construction oversight services to the many military organizations that occupy the Installation's buildings.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, David was the Director of Architecture for two Service Disabled-Small Business Owned Architectural and Engineering firms. David's project experience includes work with the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects worldwide, and numerous Veterans Health Administration hospitals around the country. David has over 30 years of architectural and construction oversight experience and considers himself to be a Generalist Architect.



David's philanthropic journey started while enrolled in the MDS in Sustainable Design Curriculum at Boston Architectural College when he developed a veteran non-profit business plan for the Leading the Way to a Sustainable Community. That business plan became the foundation of David's vision and desire to give back to his fellow veterans. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the November 11<sup>th</sup> Foundation was established. This recognized 501c3 organization was founded to provide the services that will give military veterans and their families the means to a healthier and happier life. The Foundation's inaugural program is The Vacant Lots and Parking Spots Urban Garden Program. By using their custom designed and built accessible garden pods, the Program has grown and donated over 925 pounds of vegetables to organizations who provide services to veterans, providing ~650 veterans fresh vegetable options.

David established a second non-profit in Vermont, the Vermont Troops and Families organization. This non-profit was established to continue a longstanding fund-raising event that was started in the Mad River Valley. The first year Vermont Troops and Families organized the annual golf tournament in 2019, it raised over \$30,000.00. This money was donated to the VT National Guard Charitable Foundation. This Foundation provides financial support to VT National Guard families in need while their loved ones are deployed.

David is a member the Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) at the Boston Medical Center. The PFAC aims to improve operations across the BMC health system and achieve their mission for patient-centered and equitable care. David receives his care at BMC and wanted to get involved and help make a difference. BMC provides care for many underserved populations, including veterans, and David's unique healthcare architecture experience has been a great addition to the council supporting the mission for a better patient experience.