

## Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America An Affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America P.O. Box 2183, Lawton, Oklahoma 73502



## **General Membership Meeting Agenda November 13, 2024**

Welcome Don DuRant

Invocation Rev. Dr Bill Schneider

Pledge of Allegiance Don DuRant

President's Remarks Don DuRant

Lunch

Guest Speaker Introduction Don DuRant

Guest Speaker: Secretary John Nash

Oklahoma Secretary for Military and Veterans Affairs

**Mark Woommavovah** 

**President & CEO, United Way of Southwest Oklahoma** 

**Business Meeting** 

**Don DuRant** 

**Check Presentation to Cohen Military Family Clinic** 

**Check Presentation to Veterans Resource Center** 

50/50 Drawing

Benediction Rev. Dr Bill Schneider

**Adjourn** 

**NOTES** 

## Secretary John Nash State Secretary for Military and Veterans Affairs



John Nash currently serves as the Oklahoma State Secretary for Military and Veteran Affairs under Governor Kevin Stitt.

Prior to serving on Governor Stitt's Cabinet, John had over 20 years of government service in multiple agencies including the US Army, Department of Defense, and the US State Department. He served in a variety of military, special operations, national security, and diplomatic roles including multiple tours of duty in Europe, South America, Asia, and the Middle-East. He also served as a peace-keeper in the former Yugoslavia and later on multiple combat tours in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other operational theaters.

During his career, he held several field commands as well as multiple leadership and command roles with global responsibilities in both traditional areas and war zones where he led operations and activities that supported a broad range of U.S. national security and policy objectives. He has extensive experience managing high-risk, complex, multi-organizational programs with global reach and impact.

Following his career in service, John founded Sporting Global, an international sports management firm.

John earned a B.A. in History from University of Oklahoma, a Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law, and an MBA from the Real Universidad de Madrid. He actively supports the Third Option Foundation and Folds of Honor. John is a member of Warriors for Freedom, the OSS Society, Beta Theta Pi, and the American Legion.



## United Way of Southwest Oklahoma President & CEO MARK E. WOOMMAVOVAH



Mark E. Woommavovah, is the President & CEO of United Way of Southwest Oklahoma. He's a retired Lieutenant Colonel US Army and former Chairman of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He received a scholarship to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. After earning an associate's degree there, he joined the Army and soon started at the University of Oklahoma on an ROTC scholarship. He left with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a commission as a military police officer. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma ROTC Commissioning Class of '92 and graduate of US Army Command and General Staff College.

He had found his career, spending 31 years in the Army, one of only 12 Comanche Indians to earn the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Woommavovah is married to his wife, Amber, and they have three sons, Marcus, Michael, and Dylan.

He was a Leadership and Talent Scout, Senior Military Instructor of Military Science at the University of Oklahoma ROTC, Coach for the University of Oklahoma Army ROTC 10 Mile Team and Sooner Battalion Running and Triathlon Club, Volunteer Youth Track and Cross Country coach for Cleveland County Family YMCA, Member of the OK Runner Team, Mentor and Advisor for the student athletes at the University of Oklahoma, Personal Trainer and Life Coach, Member of The Greater Lawton Rotary Club, Lawton Rotary Leadership Board of Trustees, Rotary Leadership Live2Lead Board Member, Kiowa Comanche Apache Indian Land Use Committee Board, former United Way Board of Directors, Lawton Ft. Still Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee- Oklahoma Area Alternate Delegate, Indian Gaming Association Southern Plains Region Board of Directors Alternate, Oklahoma Representative for the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC), Bacone College Board of Trustee, Public and Motivational Speaker, Member of the Boomer Toastmaster Club, and children's book author, "The Little Indian Runner."

