

Three Dynamic Leaders Join IAVA's Board of Directors

Jamie Horowitz, D. Wayne Robinson, James Wright to lead IAVA's second decade of growth

NEW YORK (March 9, 2016) – Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) today announced three dedicated new leaders will join the organization's esteemed Board of Directors. IAVA is proud to welcome [Jamie Horowitz](#), President, [FOX Sports National Networks](#); Command Sergeant Major (R) [D. Wayne Robinson](#), education advocate and former President and CEO of Student Veterans of America; and [James Wright](#), President Emeritus and Eleazar Wheelock Professor of History at [Dartmouth College](#). IAVA Founder and CEO Paul Rieckhoff introduced the new board members to local IAVA members and supporters during a [VetTogether](#) at FOX Sports 1 studios in Los Angeles Monday night.

"We are honored to have these incredible leaders joining IAVA's dedicated board of directors at this critical time for the veteran community. IAVA's dynamic and diverse board is key to our continued impact, growth and leadership," said Rieckhoff. "Following a record breaking [year of impact in 2015](#), IAVA is poised to leverage the powerful experience of these leaders to bring our work to new heights. These leaders come from very different professional backgrounds and cities but all share a deep commitment to our country and to the veteran community. Their dedication to IAVA's mission and members is second to none, and we thrilled to have them guide IAVA into our second decade."

Jamie Horowitz, President, FOX Sports National Networks, Los Angeles

Jamie Horowitz is president, FOX Sports National Networks, a role he assumed in May 2015. Horowitz oversees all programming, marketing and scheduling for FOX Sports 1 and 2. His responsibilities also include management and development of original programming and day-to-day operations for FS1's news and studio programs. Prior to joining FOX Sports, Horowitz served as executive producer for Film 45, working with acclaimed director and fellow IAVA board member Peter Berg on a documentary series for HBO.

Horowitz is the grandson of a decorated World War II veteran, Walter Bachenheimer, and previously served on the New York Leadership Council for IAVA. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the Compass Charter School, a progressive elementary school in Brooklyn, New York. Horowitz graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, with a bachelor of arts in political science. He and his wife Kara reside in Santa Monica, California with their three boys, Jake, Will and Cooper.

"Jamie and his family have been tireless advocates for IAVA since we were founded in 2004. As the grandson of a World War II veteran, Jamie deeply understands the sacrifices and potential of America's veterans. His

incredible career is a testament to the potential of all military families and an inspiration to IAVA members nationwide. Jamie's leadership in sports, entertainment and media will bring a powerful new dimension to IAVA's work nationwide. He will help us bridge the civil-military divide, magnify our message, connect sports with our veterans and engage millions. We are thankful and thrilled to have Jamie joining IAVA's board of directors," said Rieckhoff.

Command Sergeant Major (R) D. Wayne Robinson, education advocate, former President and CEO of Student Veterans of America, Atlanta

Wayne Robinson is a powerful leader for the new veterans movement who served in the U.S. Army for over 20 years, rising to the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Robinson started his career in artillery and was twice a member of 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment Delta (Delta Force) where he served as an Operations Sergeant. After completing his bachelor's degree while on active duty, he enrolled in New York University to prepare for an MBA. He earned his MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, becoming the first senior enlisted (E-9) to do so.

While at Booth, Robinson led presentations in the Global New Venture Challenge Business competition. After placing first they continued on to build a company in Silicon Valley to develop a wireless device that identifies and treats sleep apnea. In 2015 they won FDA approval to begin clinical testing. Upon graduation he headed to Wall Street where he joined a hedge fund and rose to lead the New Business Development division. After seeing veterans struggle in the education and employment realm of transition, he accepted a position to serve as president and CEO of Student Veterans of America. During his tenure the organization made major infrastructure investments, revenue doubled and chapters increased by 45 percent. Robinson has served as a board member for Chicago Jesuit Academy and currently serves on the Committee on Education appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

"Wayne is one of the most dynamic, respected and insightful voices in the new veterans space. He is a true expert on veteran education and employment, and knows how to build and scale programs with high impact. Wayne's dynamic life and personal success is an inspiration to veterans everywhere—and especially to enlisted veterans. His commitment to education and lifetime of leadership and selfless service shows all Americans what veterans can achieve. Wayne's leadership and experience in the veteran transition process and ability to bridge the military-civilian divide is critical as we continue to empower post-9/11 veterans and their families. We're humbled and honored to have Wayne joining our board to guide IAVA's growth to new heights," said Rieckhoff.

James Wright, President Emeritus and Eleazar Wheelock Professor of History at Dartmouth College, Sunapee, N.H.

James Wright is a historian, President-Emeritus of Dartmouth College and a former Marine. He is the author of the widely acclaimed *Those Who Have Borne the Battle: A History of America's Wars and Those Who Fought Them* (2012). Wright is the son of a World War II veteran, and served in the Marine Corps before entering college. He received a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1969. He then joined the faculty of

Dartmouth and from 1998 to 2009, served as the college's 16th president. He began visiting military hospitals in 2005. In over 30 visits since then, he has encouraged the injured servicemen and women to continue their education. Wright worked with the American Council on Education to create an educational counseling program for wounded U.S. veterans. It has served several hundred injured veterans since 2007. Wright was involved in developing the Yellow Ribbon Program that provided for private institutions to be included in the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Wright is currently working on a book on the Vietnam War. He serves on the Board of the Semper Fi Fund/America's Fund and is on the Campaign Leadership Committee of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

"Jim is an incredible American hero. He is a true visionary for American veterans and a living example of what veterans can achieve. His wisdom, commitment and experience are unparalleled. He has been at the forefront of ensuring this generation of veterans has the chance to receive an education without being burdened financially—which has already impacted millions and forever changed the course of American history. His incomparable depth of knowledge will add tremendous value to everything IAVA does. And his exceptional perspective will guide our rapidly growing education efforts in particular. Jim has been a mentor and advisor to IAVA for almost a decade and we are privileged and humbled to now have him on our board of directors," said Rieckhoff.