

Mark Walker

Deputy Director, Swords to Plowshares

Mark Walker has extensive experience implementing and managing systems and programs for U.S. veterans, including education, employment, healthcare, housing, training, and assistance for homeless veterans. In November 2019, Walker became the first senior team member in Swords to Plowshares' ("Swords") history to operate the East Bay office based in Oakland, California. At Swords, Walker provides leadership in developing programmatic, organizational, and financial plans, while also expanding and enhancing the organization's presence and operations in the East Bay. Programs and services under his supervision include outreach, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency housing, job assessment, training, and employment.

Prior to Swords to Plowshares, Walker served as Deputy Director of The American Legion's National Employment & Education Division at their Washington, DC headquarters office. He leveraged strategic partnerships across government and private sector to strengthen collaboration on resolving gaps in services for veterans, including employment, job training, credentialing, and other key issues.

Walker served six years in the United States Air Force. He holds a master's degree in organizational leadership from the University of Saint Francis. Walker lives and works in Oakland.