

Joe W. Craver Biography

Joe W. Craver is the appointed Interim CEO of the San Diego/Imperial Counties American Red Cross beginning in May, 2007. He is the founder of Galaxie Management, Inc., a nationwide marketing company.



Mr. Craver retired as Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Pentagon where he procured all the Air Force aircraft, missiles and spare parts with an annual check-writing authority of 13 billion dollars per year. He also served as the primary witness during congressional hearings for the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Craver is a combat veteran, having earned a Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross for Gallantry, Distinguished Flying Cross for Aerial Achievement, four Air Medals, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a Command Pilot logging over 8,000 flying hours. Colonel Craver flew over 210 combat missions over Vietnam from 1967-1968.

Mr. Craver earned his MA at Stanford University, and a BS at Arizona State University. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Craver's 25 years of community involvement includes:

- Chairman of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Chairman of the San Diego Base Realignment and Closure of 1995 (BRAC)
- Chairman of the Work Force Partnership
- Chairman of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman of the Board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- Chairman of San Diego Financial Blue Ribbon Committee
- President of the Board of the Holiday Bowl
- President of the Point Loma Rotary Club
- Board of Directors of the San Diego Symphony
- Board of Directors Armed Services YMCA
- Board of Directors San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross

Mr. Craver is presently:

- Chairman of the Public Facilities Authority for the City of San Diego
- Chairman of Rest and Aspiration (R & A)
- Vice Chairman of MILMEC
- Board of Directors of San Diego Fleet Week
- Board of Directors of the Midway Aircraft Museum
- Board of Directors of Holiday Bowl
- Board of Directors of United Way

Mr. Craver's community awards include:

- San Diego Boys and Girls Club Achievement Award
- Rotary Boy Scouting Achievement Award
- San Diego Fleet Week Achievement Award

Mr. Craver has been married for 54 years to Rayma-Lew and has one son who is the president of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).