

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TASK FORCE ON THE CARE, MANAGEMENT AND
TRANSITION OF RECOVERING WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES**

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A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Ronald Drach medically retired from the U.S. Army in 1967, following the amputation of his right leg as a result of combat action. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and is immediate past president of the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization whose mission is to *“honor and empower wounded warriors.”*

He was employed by the Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) from April 2002 until his retirement in September 2010. As Director of Government and Legislative Affairs, he was responsible for working with Congressional staff, the Department’s Office of the Solicitor and others within the Department of Labor (DOL) on all veteran’s legislative employment issues that affect the Departments of Labor, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD). Mr. Drach also helped develop and supported the America’s Heroes at Work project, a DOL initiative that addresses the employment needs of veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He served on the Governance Board of the National Resource Directory, a collaborative effort between DoD, VA and DOL which provides access to services and resources at the national, state and local levels that support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration.

For 28 years, Mr. Drach worked with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 23 of these years as the DAV’s National Employment Director. In this capacity, he was responsible for developing and carrying out DAV’s policies and initiatives (including legislative) relating to employment, vocational rehabilitation, homelessness among veterans, disability issues, and other socio-economic issues affecting veterans. While with DAV his accomplishments included developing DAV’s successful outreach efforts to assist Vietnam veterans experiencing PTSD, homeless veteran initiatives, the Transition Assistance Program to review military medical records for transitioning service members, and a program to provide representation to disabled veterans for disability benefits administered by the Social Security Administration. Mr. Drach is the recipient of numerous military and other awards for his work with disabled veterans.