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Mr. Howard S. High President



Howard High assumed the role of Vice President of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) in 2019 followed by the role of President in 2024. Professionally, Mr. High currently serves as a civilian in the U.S. Army CECOM G2 (Intelligence and Security) as the Senior Security Advisor at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

His active duty experience in the U.S. Army spans roles as both an enlisted soldier and an officer. He enlisted as a 98G, Voice Interceptor, which required him to attend the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. He graduated with honors from the Russian Basic Course and successfully completing the National Security Agency Russian Extended Course. After serving as an enlisted soldier for two years, he received an Army ROTC Scholarship and attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he earned a bachelor's degree in Slavic Languages and

Literature, with a specialization in the Russian language. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in June of 1981 through UCLA's ROTC program.

Subsequently, Mr. High served in various capacities as an intelligence and counterintelligence officer, including a command assignment in a tactical military intelligence battalion in Germany. Selected to become a Foreign Area Officer, he furthered his education at the University of Kansas, obtaining a master's degree in Russian and East European Studies. He left active duty after 13 years of service.

Howard High was born in Yokohama, Japan, to a Japanese mother and an American father and relocated to the United States at the age of six. His upbringing in Los Angeles, California, involved active participation in numerous Japanese cultural and athletic organizations, which deepened his appreciation for and pride in his Japanese heritage.

Of notable mention, he holds a 7th dan (black belt) in Shindo Jinen Ryu (karate), with a training history of over 50 years with Japan Karate-Do Ryobu-Kai (JKR). Currently, Mr. High serves as the Chairman of JKR International's Yudanshakai Executive Council, where he leads to advance the practice of Shindo Jinen Ryu and oversees the management of JKR organizations on every continent except Antarctica. Additionally, he continues to teach and practice the ancient samurai arts of iaijutsu and kenjutsu.

Mr. High, in his leisure time, enjoys pursuits such as bicycling, videography/photography, and the study of history and languages.