



National Fire Heritage Center

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Dr. Carey D. Waddell has been named to the Board of Trustees for the National Fire Heritage Center. The National Fire Heritage Center is the nation's archive for historical documents, and other perishables related to fire protection. These perishables include:

- Art and artifacts
- Audio
- Books
- Charts and graphs
- Documents
- Maps
- Photography
- Reports
- Video

Dr. Waddell is currently serving as the U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay F&ES Deputy Fire Chief, possessing 28 years of experience in the fire service. During an adventurous career, he has served in every rank within the fire service. After completing four years in the United States Air Force, he started a civil service career at Fort Bliss, Texas. While at Ft. Bliss, he earned several promotions in a nine-year span from Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, and Fire Inspector. Seeking more, he joined the Department of Navy F&ES Enterprise by traveling to Souda Bay, Greece, as a Fire Captain and shortly after arrival was promoted to Assistant Chief for Operations. After three years in Greece, he then went to Rota, Spain, where he served as one of the first Battalion Chiefs. Again, after a year, he was on the move to Sasebo, Japan, to be the Assistant Chief for Training. Always looking for career growth, he transferred to White Beach, Okinawa, to serve as the first Installation Fire Chief for a period of almost four years. After serving a total of nine years overseas, Dr. Waddell returned to Beale Air Force Base, California, as the Assistant Chief for Fire Prevention.

In 2019 Dr. Waddell earned a Doctor of Education in Leadership with Organizational Development from Grand Canyon University. He also holds a Master of Science in Leadership with an emphasis in Disaster Preparedness and Executive Fire Leadership, graduating with magna cum laude honors (2014). His higher educational journey started with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and a minor in Public Administration, which was awarded in 2012. Furthermore, Dr. Waddell currently holds three Center for Public Safety Excellence Professional Credentialing Designations: Chief Fire Officer (CFO), Chief Training Officer (CTO), and Fire Marshal since 2012. For his advocacy of professional development in the fire service, Dr. Waddell received the CPSE Professional Development 2019 Ambassador of the Year. Recognizing the importance of higher education and professional development, he has been a CPSE peer-reviewer since 2013. Lastly, Dr. Waddell has membership with several organizations such as the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society, Honors Society, David Price Air Force Association, and The National Fire Heritage Center. Although Dr. Waddell has had a stellar career and numerous accomplishments, his heart is always with his children.

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As an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, the National Fire Heritage Center exists to preserve, protect and increase the utilization of contributors to the body of knowledge of the American Fire Protection Services and allied disciplines through identification, acquisition, preservation, conservation and restoration.