Robert Gates served as the 22nd secretary of defense (2006-2011) and is the only secretary of defense in U.S. history to be asked to remain in that office by a newly elected President. President Barack Obama is the eighth president Gates has served. He previously served under President George W. Bush.

Before becoming secretary of defense in 2006, Gates was the president of Texas A&M University, the nation's seventh largest university. Gates joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1966 and spent nearly 27 years as an intelligence professional. Gates served as director of Central Intelligence from 1991 until 1993.

Gates has been awarded the National Security Medal, the Presidential Citizens Medal, has three times received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, and has three times received CIA's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal. On Gates' last day in office, President Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor.

Gates currently serves on the board of directors of Starbucks and is partner in the consulting firm, RHG LLP, with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and others. He has also served on the board of directors and executive committee of the American Council on Education, the board of directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and is President of the Boy Scouts of America. He has also been president of the National Eagle Scout Association.

A native of Kansas, Gates received his bachelor's degree from the College of William & Mary, his master's degree in history from Indiana University and his doctorate in Russian and Soviet history from Georgetown University. Gates was installed as chancellor of the college of William & Mary, beginning in February 2012. He is the first William & Mary alumnus in the modern era to serve as chancellor of the college.
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Justin grew up in Wisconsin, where he played on the basketball team, was a member of show choir, and was heavily involved with his church.

Justin’s family has a history of military service; his father is a sixteen-year United States Air Force veteran. Looking for tactical training and experiences he knew the United States Army could provide, Justin enlisted in December 2008. He was deployed to Afghanistan two years later in October 2010.

During a routine mission clearing travel routes of improvised explosive devices (IED’s), a blast claimed both of JP’s legs and disconnected his spine from his pelvic bone. After rehabilitation, he mastered walking with prosthetics and has even taken a stab at playing golf. While there are still many challenges ahead, Justin reports that he takes each step knowing that God protected him on the battlefield and continues to watch over him each day.

While at BAMC, Justin decided that he wanted to make Texas home. Justin is living his dream of becoming a professional singer/musician and is working on his first album. He performed at the Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball in Washington, DC and completed his first six-week tour last Fall.

Justin is excited about his adapted, wheelchair-accessible Helping a Hero home, with features that support his vision of becoming a recording artist. Special thanks to Mike and Rox Cotugno of MJC Construction for building this beautiful 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with adaptations such as wider doors, a roll-in shower, and a roll-under sink that allow Justin to regain his independence.

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is an ICON in country music, with more than 30 albums to his credit. In fact, MCA released an album in 2013 called ICON with seven #1 songs & 25 charted singles. Lee Greenwood has won numerous industry awards including, Male Vocalist of the year for the Academy of Country Music in 1983, two Male Vocalist of the Year awards from the Country Music Association, 1983 & 1984 and a Grammy for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for I.O.U. He also won CMA Song of the Year in 1985 for writing God Bless the USA.

God Bless the USA went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also #1 on the pop charts after 9/11/01. The song has been voted the most recognizable patriotic song in America.

Greenwood performs for many charitable events and gives his time & name to numerous organizations and fundraisers. After 2 years of serving on the HelpingaHero.org Advisory Board, Lee Greenwood has joined HelpingaHero as our National Ambassador. Lee has participated in welcome home ceremonies in Kentucky, Florida, Houston, Beaumont, San Antonio and Washington, D.C. His love for this nation and commitment to our wounded warriors makes him the perfect spokesperson for HelpingaHero. Thank you Lee!

The singer is also a member of the National Endowment for the Arts Council, a Presidential appointment. Music has always been a part of Greenwood’s life.

Lee and his wife, Kimberly, a former Miss Tennessee, fell in love on his 1989 USO/DOD tour. They were married in Nashville in 1992 and have two sons, Dalton and Parker.
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