

Mr. Ken Harris is the Recruiting Operations Officer for Boston University Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps). He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserve, transitioning into command of a small Combat Support element at Ft. Devens in April 2016.

A Veteran of both the US Navy and the US Army, Mr. Harris has spent more than three decades in uniform, with service as an Officer and Non Commissioned Officer in both. Perhaps the greatest achievement has been Company Command. Some of the key milestones included 57 months in command of up to 296 Soldiers, early mobilization and deployment to Tikrit Iraq in 2003 for 15 months, and most importantly suffering not a single loss throughout the period of command, along with innumerable hurricane support operations in South Florida. A subsequent deployment as the Deputy Chief of Logistics for Joint Task Force Guantanamo offered many broadening experiences and insights. From the first oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States on October 22, 1982, a career that often followed the road less taken has featured many speedbumps, detours, switchbacks and steep inclines.... But the views have been breathtaking and profound.

In support of the US Army, he has worked as a contractor and Department of the Army Civilian to recruit and train tomorrow's leaders through the ROTC program. The initial assignment was Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton FL, commissioning many fine Lieutenants in the US Army, Army National Guard and US Army Reserve over 9 years that featured growth from 5 Cadets to 100+. Mr. Harris joined the Boston University Team a year ago, working with some of the highest quality Cadets in the nation.

At home, he is a proud husband and father of a multicultural household. Silvia, his lovely Brazilian wife, brought their son into the world in 2003 while Ken was in Iraq. Her learning curve regarding military life was steep, but they have built a strong and enduring relationship. Success in the military could only be achieved with her enduring support, and its influence is "writ large" on all that they do. Through two Global War on Terror deployments, each lasting 15 months, along with countless shorter absences, she has proved her steadfast strength. None of them remain unchanged by the military experience.

Ken earned his bachelor's degree with merit from the US Naval Academy in 1989, and his highest military award is the Bronze Star Medal. Currently, retirement from the US Army Reserve is projected for 2023.