



# REPATRIATE OUR PATRIOTS

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Danitza “Dee” James is the Executive Director at Repatriate Our Patriots (ROP). A U.S. Army Combat Veteran, Military Spouse and a passionate Macro Social Worker specializing in Military Programs & Policy.

Dee Immigrated to Yuma, Arizona from Mexico in 1996 where she learned English and graduated High School before joining the U.S. Army in June 2001. Dee graduated from The University of Southern California (USC) with a Masters in Social Work. Dee is a 1<sup>st</sup> generation graduate with over 15 years of experience working with servicemembers, military families, wounded veterans, and families of the fallen in the non-profit and federal government. Dee is married to Retired U.S. Army Combat Veteran, Sergeant Major, Jade M.W. James



Dee served on active duty for six years and completed two combat tours to Iraq in 2003 and in 2005 where she served as an M2. 50 caliber machine gunner conducting escort missions for civilian and local national contractors through Iraq. Her Military career and journey have fueled her passion to help servicemembers and their families on every aspect of military life and civilian transition.

Dee volunteers as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for [Repatriate Our Patriots](#), a 501c3 non-profit organization that focuses on bridging the gaps for deported Servicemembers repatriation. As a servicemember who served as a Legal Permanent Resident and was not able to obtain her Citizenship during her service due to deployments and training, Dee’s goal is to stop future deportations and bring home those in exile.

Dee’s passion lies within, Human Rights Advocacy, Mental Health, Prevention and Repatriation of Deported Veterans, Suicide Prevention, Sexual Assault & Harassment Prevention. Her passion extends to the development and advocacy for programs and policy and legislation that directly and indirectly affect the military, military families, and military survivors. Dee was instrumental in the passing of [The Brandon Caserta Act](#) and the lobbying and the introduction of key articles of the [Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act](#) in the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that will begin the work on how Military Sexual Assault & Harassment cases are handled in the Military.

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