

## Biography – James S. Lander, Military Saves Director, Consumer Federation of America

James Lander serves as the Director of Military Saves. Military Saves is a component of America Saves and is operated by the non-profit Consumer Federation of America. Military Saves is a partner in the Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign and conducts an annual campaign, which launches in February during Military Saves Week.

Prior to joining CFA, James led Goodwill Industries International's veteran and military family services. In his role at Goodwill James was responsible for workforce development initiatives that empowered military veterans and transitioning active duty personnel with the tools they need to find employment, advance in their careers and ensure long-term financial stability for their families. James is a retired navy commander with years of program management experience; during his time as a military officer, he had first-hand experience with the central role that savings play in the financial well-being of military service members and their families.

James is a Gulf War veteran, and was recalled to active service after September 11, 2001, in support of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom. He is an elected member of the Arlington School Board. James earned his master's degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia and his bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

