

## SFTT Medical Task Force

**Chair: Maj. Gen. John Batiste, US Army Ret** - After 31 years of service in the US Army, Maj. Gen. John Batiste, a [West Point](#) graduate, retired from active duty “on principal,” stating that he had come to the gut-wrenching realization that he could do more good for his soldiers and their families out of uniform. In 2005 Batiste transitioned into the position of President and CEO of [Klein Steel](#) and then in December 2013 to President and CEO of [Buffalo Armory LLC](#) in Rochester, NY. Batiste continues to support veterans and their families by serving as president of Stand for the Troops, is a board member of the Rochester-based [Veterans Outreach Center](#), is a past and founding president of the [Rochester Regional Veterans Business Council](#) and is a member of the board of advisors of the [First Division Museum at Cantigny of Wheaton, Illinois](#).

**Co Chair: Col. James D. McDonough, Jr., US Army Ret** - Following 26 years of distinguished service, Col. James D. McDonough, Jr. retired from the Army and became director of the [New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs](#). McDonough moved on to become president and CEO of [Veterans Outreach Center Inc.](#), located in Rochester, N.Y. and then senior fellow for [Veterans Affairs at the New York State Health Foundation](#). He is presently the Senior Director of Community Engagement & Innovation for the [Institute for Veterans and Military Families](#) at Syracuse University (IVMF). Jim's record to-date is one of service to veterans and those who facilitate their advancement in civilian roles.

**Special Advisor: Frederick Tanne** - A senior corporate partner in the New York office of [Kirkland & Ellis LLP.](#), Fred has been a partner of the firm since 1991 and is a founder of the New York office. Kirkland and Ellis has been instrumental in SFTT's campaign to get our frontline troops better body army.

**Special Medical Advisor: Dr. Yuval Neria, PhD** - A Professor of Clinical Psychology at [Columbia University](#), Departments of Psychiatry and Epidemiology, and Director of Trauma and PTSD at the [New York State Psychiatric Institute](#). He received his BA degrees in Philosophy and Political Science and his MA degree in Clinical Psychology from [Hebrew University in Jerusalem](#), and his PhD in Psychology from [Haifa University, Israel](#) (1994). He was on faculty of [Tel Aviv University](#) until his recruitment to Columbia University after the 9/11 attacks (2002).

Dr. Neria's research has been focused on the mental health consequences of exposure to extreme traumatic events, with a particular focus on war veterans and survivors of disasters and terrorism. Additionally, he has been involved in the development of novel treatment modalities for traumatized populations with PTSD.

### Medical Co Chairs:

**Dr. Henry Grayson, Ph.D., SFTT Medical Task Force Co-Chair** - A Psychologist practicing in New York City and Connecticut, he has a PhD from [Boston University](#), as well as a postdoctoral certificate in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy from [Postgraduate Center for Mental Health](#) and a Theology degree from [Emory University](#). He is the author of three books, founded both the [National Institute for Psychotherapies](#) and the Institute for Spirituality, Science and Psychotherapy and the [Association for Spirituality and Psychotherapy](#).

**Dr. Frank M. Ochberg, M.D., SFTT Medical Task Force Co-Chair** - A Psychiatry professor at [Michigan State University](#) with degrees from [Harvard University](#), [Johns Hopkins University](#), [Stanford University](#) and the [University of London](#). Formerly an associate director of the [National Institute of Mental Health](#), more recently involved with numerous organizations dealing with PTSD including founding [Gift From Within](#), a non-profit PTSD foundation. Dr. Ochberg consults at Columbine High School in Colorado. In 2003 he received a lifetime achievement award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

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**Dr. Grant Brenner, M.D.** - A graduate of the [New Jersey Medical School](#) and assistant clinical professor at the [Albert Einstein College of Medicine Beth Israel Medical Center](#). He is a member of [Physicians for Human Rights](#) and the [International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation](#). Dr. Brenner is the director of trauma services at the [William Alanson White Institute](#), a board member at the [Disaster Psychiatry Outreach](#), and the author of [Creating Spiritual and Psychological Resilience-Integrating Care in Disaster Relief Work](#).

**Dr. Eric D. Caine, M.D.** - A Psychiatry professor at the [University of Rochester Medical Center School of Medicine and Dentistry](#), he is a graduate of [Cornell University](#) and [Harvard Medical School](#) and a chair of the department of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center School of Medicine and Dentistry. In 2001 he received the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry's Leadership in Training Award for Chair of the Year.

**Dr. Robert Cancro, M.D.** - A professor and chairman of psychiatry at the [New York University Medical Center](#), he is a graduate of [SUNY Downstate Medical Center](#), has served as the director of the [Nathan Kline Research Institute](#), is a long time consultant of the U.S. Secret Service and the recipient of numerous awards in the field of mental health including the New York State Office of Mental Health Award and the Irving Blumberg Human Rights Award.

**Jaine L. Darwin, Psy.D. ABPP** - A graduate of [Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology](#), Dr. Darwin is a psychologist-psychoanalyst specializing in trauma and PTSD, relationship issues and depression. She also ran a volunteer organization [SOFAR](#) that provided services to family members of military service members and veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Kathalynn Davis, MSW** - A psychotherapist with a Masters from [Columbia University](#), a certified [Sedona Method Coach](#), a Life Coach certified at [New York University](#) and a Practitioner for the [International Institute for Spiritual Living](#).

**Dr. Stephen V. Eliot, Ph.D.** - A Psychoanalyst with a private practice in Westport CT. Dr. Eliot focuses on emotional and behavioral health issues.

**Dr. Mark Erlich, M.D.** - A graduate of the [City College of New York](#) and the [Albert Einstein School of Medicine](#), Dr. Erlich is the founder and director of [Profiles & Contours](#), a clinical assistant professor at [New York Medical College](#) and [Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine](#), and a clinical instructor at [Mount Sinai School of Medicine](#). He is also the president of the [New York Facial Plastic Surgery Society](#).

**Dr. Joseph Ganz, Ph.D.** - A psychotherapist and a graduate of the Stress Reduction Program from the [University of Massachusetts Medical School](#). He is also trained in couples and family psychotherapy and is the co-founder, co-director and faculty member of The Metropolitan Center for Object Relations-New Jersey.

**Dr. Stephen Gullo, Ph.D.** - A Ph.D. in psychology from [Columbia University](#), who for more than a decade, was a professor and researcher at [Columbia University Medical Center](#). He is the former chair of the National Obesity and Weight Control Education Program of the American Institute for Life Threatening Illness at [Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center](#). His first book, [Thin Tastes Better](#), was a national best seller as was his second book, [The Thin Commandments](#). He has been interviewed by Oprah Winfrey, Larry King, and Barbara Walters and has also made numerous appearances on *Today*, *Good Morning America*, and *Hard Copy*. Dr. Gullo is currently president of the Center for Health and Weight Sciences' Center for Healthful Living in New York City.

**Dr. David Haidak, M.D.** - A graduate of [Yale](#) and [Albany Medical College](#) who is Board Certified in Hematology, Internal Medicine and Oncology, Dr. Haidak heads one of the largest independent oncology practices in the US.

**Joan S. Kuehl, L.C.S.W.** - A Clinical social worker and psychotherapist with 20+ years experience as a counselor & psychotherapist, Dr. Kuehl earned her Certificate of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy at the [Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy in NY](#) and received her Masters of Social Work from [New York University](#). She is a member of [National Association of Social Workers](#) and the [New York Society for Clinical Social Workers](#).

**Dr. Judy Kuriansky, Ph.D.** - A graduate of [New York University](#), an adjunct faculty member at the [Teacher's College Columbia University](#) and at [Columbia Medical School](#), Dr. Kuriansky has provided "psychological first aid" after bombings in Israel, SARS in China, the tsunami in Asia and after 9/11 in the US. She is a representative to the [United Nations](#) for the International Association of Applied Psychology and the [International Council of Psychologists](#).

**Dr. Lefkovits M.D.** - An Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the [Mount Sinai School of Medicine](#) and Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Dermatological Cosmetic Surgery Program, Dr. Lefkovits is also on the Medical Editorial Advisory Board of "Healthy Aging", a member of the national educational faculty for Botox® and a member of the Medical Advisory Council of [The Skin Cancer Foundation](#). A past president of the [Dermatology Society of Greater New York](#), he has lectured at many national and international meetings on Botox®. He is known for his pioneer work with skin cancer detection and treatment as well as for his work with Restylane®, Juvederm®, and laser surgery. Dr. Lefkovits is in private practice in New York City.

**Dr. Robert Rawdin, D.D.S.** - A graduate of the [Northwestern University School of Dentistry](#) and [New York University](#). He is a diplomat of the [American Board of Prosthodontics](#) and currently serves as president-elect and program chair of the [Northeastern Gnathological Society](#). He is also a clinical assistant professor at the [New York University College of Dentistry](#).

**Dr. Jeffrey Rosenthal M.D.** - A Board certified in Plastic Surgery and a graduate of The [University of Guadalajara, San Antonio](#) with over 31 years of experience in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Rosenthal is in private practice in Fairfield CT.

**Dr. Stephen Ross, M.D.** - A graduate of the [University of Pennsylvania](#) and the [UCLA School of Medicine](#), he is the director of the division of alcoholism and drug abuse at Bellevue Hospital, director of the NYU Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship and director of the Bellevue Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

**Dr. John Setaro, M.D.** - A graduate of [Boston University](#). Dr Setaro served his residency and a fellowship at [Yale-New Haven Hospital](#), He is an associate professor of medicine at the [Yale University School of Medicine](#), practices both in New Haven and Greenwich, CT and is an acclaimed blood pressure expert.

**Lorraine C. Silvetz, MSW** - A psychotherapist with a Masters from the [New York University Silver School of Social Work](#). She is the executive director of the [Global Stress Initiative](#) and Operation Life Recovery at the [Brain Treatment Center](#) (BTC). She is a senior consultant at [The Barn Yard Group](#), and formerly was the director of business development and military health editor at [EP Magazine](#). She is currently co-authoring a book on the Brain Treatment Center's protocol with the center's founder, Yi Jin, MD.

**Dr. Robert Silvetz M.D.** - Chief Science Officer & Physician Liaison at [The Brain Treatment Center](#) (BTC), Dr. Silvetz has had tremendous success using non-drug interventions. A graduate from [Boston University School of Medicine](#) and [Boston University](#), he completed a double major in six years, earning three degrees in Computer Science, Medical Science and a Doctorate of Medicine. He has 20 years in business & computer systems development for government, industry and biotechnology and helped to create one of the first commercially successful Electronic Medical Record Systems for [IDX Systems \(now GE Health\)](#) and supported its deployment to large multi-entity healthcare institutions. Dr. Silvetz' past work experiences includes scientific discovery with institutions such as [SAIC](#) and [IDX Systems](#) and delivering custom operational and clinical solutions to the likes of [Kaiser Health](#), [Scripps Health](#) and [Canadian Health Systems](#). Dr. Silvetz was a Founder of [Clinical Care Connexions](#), delivering sophisticated real time, remote patient monitoring. He has also served as Medical Director of a cancer treatment company and as Medical Advisor to many start-up life sciences companies in Southern California.