

## **KEVIN GATLEY**

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Kevin Gatley, Operations Officer for the Optimal BrainHealth for Warfighters program, leads the vision for improving cognitive capacity in the military. He leverages his own experience to ensure that the application of our tools is thoughtful, integrated and successful. He has advocated for cognitive performance protocols for the military since 2014 and previously championed the center's SMART<sup>TM</sup> seminars to dozens of SEAL and SWCC Teams within Naval Special Warfare.

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Prior to BrainHealth, Kevin served as VP of Operations at a construction technology start-up developing robotics and artificial intelligence to address the nation's housing crisis. He is fired up about the potential of BrainHealth's programs to help prevent many of the health issues that afflict service members during and after their careers.

Kevin served for 13 years as a Navy SEAL, including six combat deployments. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal (Combat) three times, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and other service honors. He concluded his military career in 2022 at the rank of Lieutenant Commander while serving as a dedicated mentor to SEAL Officers on the West Coast.

He received his Bachelors in Business Administration from the University at Buffalo. He commutes between North Texas and San Diego, where he and his wife are raising a young son.