

Craig Wiles

Seymore D'Fair Foundation Ambassador for Drug Policy and Community Engagement

Former Roles:

- Assistant Inspector General, SIGAR, Kabul
- Retired DEA Senior Executive Service



Professional Overview: Craig Wiles is a distinguished law enforcement professional with over four decades of experience at the local, state, federal, and international levels. His career highlights include leading as the Director of Forward Operations for SIGAR at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul until his evacuation in August 2021. Starting his law enforcement journey in 1981 at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Craig spent a decade as a SWAT team Squad Leader and a Homicide Sergeant overseeing a team of Detectives.

In 1995, Craig joined the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), initially serving in Los Angeles, where he spearheaded investigations into major cocaine traffickers. His career with the DEA included various influential postings across the U.S. and internationally, culminating in significant roles such as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Detroit and Regional Director for Afghanistan/Pakistan. Here, he managed comprehensive narcotics enforcement and counter-terrorism initiatives aimed at disrupting the drug trade financing insurgent groups.

Academia and Advocacy: As an Adjunct Professor at Tulane University, Craig designed a pivotal graduate course on the Global Threat of Narcoterrorism. He actively promotes drug prevention education and public awareness, especially focusing on the dangers of prescription opiates and Fentanyl. His dedication extends beyond professional boundaries to community service, teaching drug awareness and English in Afghan programs, and volunteering with local children's initiatives.

Recognition: Craig's bravery and service have earned him multiple accolades, including the first DEA Purple Heart following an incident at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and commendations from various U.S. Attorneys. His leadership prowess was recognized at the FBI National Academy, where he was elected class President by his peers.

Personal Life: Holding a B.A. from Barry University and an M.P.A. from Troy University, Craig is not only a career law enforcement officer but also a family person, married for over three decades, and a grandfather enjoying the outdoors and various activities like boating and scuba diving.