



Kenneth Lee, MD

Dr. Kenneth Lee is the Chief of Spinal Cord Injury Division (SCI) at Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee WI and Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Lee joined the Army in 1986 and retired after 27 years of service with last duty as the State Surgeon of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

On November 3, 2003 Dr. Lee was called to active duty and was deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom as the commander of the Company B, 118th Areas Support Medical Battalion. On November 12, 2004, during a convoy mission Dr. Lee was severely injured in a Baghdad car bombing. Dr. Lee was MEDEVAC to Lahnstuhl, Germany for his initial care and then transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He sustained multiple shrapnel injuries causing nerve damages and open head traumatic brain injury (**TBI**) during this incident.

After 5 major surgeries, extensive rehabilitation and recovery, Dr. Lee returned home on April 28, 2005. His return to home was anything but normal. He suffered significant effects of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome compounded by his **TBI**. His family as well as he suffered for two years before finally seeking help.

Dr. Lee recovered with support from his family, friends and staff of MCW and Milwaukee VA Medical Center and now leads the Milwaukee VA SCI Center with various programs. As an Iraqi war veteran, Dr. Lee's personal history provides a strong connection to the Veterans he serves.

Dr. Lee's field of concentration is on adaptive sports. He believes that sports are engrained in human genome and utilizing it in rehabilitation program is vital to patient's success after a devastating injury or disease. Many of his patients claim that not only did adaptive sports help them go through rehabilitation, but it also saved their lives.

In addition to his military and medical services, Dr. Lee participates in numerous community activities. He is a member of the national physician team for the Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and the Medical Director for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and the President of the Board of Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association. He recently created and owns the Milwaukee Eagles Wheelchair Lacrosse Team. Utilizing the Eagles, Dr. Lee was instrumental in creating the Midwest Regional Wheelchair Lacrosse Division and started teams in Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. For his community and military service, Dr. Lee was awarded the Milwaukee County Veteran of the Year Award in 2008, Excellence in Advocacy and Clinical Advancement in Spinal Cord Injury in 2014, and the Wisconsin Veteran of the Year Award in 2016.