



American Veterinary One Health Society

[Formerly *American Veterinary Epidemiology Society (AVES)*]



Brigadier General John Poppe aves.exec@outlook.com retired at the end of 2015 as the 25th Chief of the [U.S. Army Veterinary Corps](#) after serving 28 years as a veterinarian in the Army. Dr. Poppe received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M) degree from Washington State University, a Master's in Public Health (M.P.H.) from Tulane University, and a Master's of Strategic Studies (M.A.) from the U.S. Naval War College. He also received the prestigious [American Veterinary Medical Association's Meritorious Service award](#) in 2020.

Dr. Poppe spent his career taking care of military family-owned pets, government owned animals that range from military working dogs to ceremonial horses, and even marine mammals as well as ensuring food safety for all services within the Department of Defense and many other federal agencies. During his career he was stationed in Korea, Turkey, and across the United States to include a tour in the Pentagon where he served as the Army Assistant Surgeon General and assisted with the writing of the Army policy on Service Animals for Wounded Warriors.

Originally from Washington state, he and his family retired in San Antonio, Texas (USA) where he serves as the, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Dr. Poppe also functions as Executive Director of the *American Veterinary One Health Society (AVOHS)*, formerly the [American Veterinary Epidemiology Society \(AVES\)](#). He is Immediate Past President of the Uniformed Veterinary Medicine Association which raises funds for replacement horses for the Fort Sam Houston Caisson Unit. He enjoys conducting Wounded Warrior hunts and sailing the coast of Texas with his wife as Skipper.

John and his wife Denise and their three children Jane, George, and Hollis have traveled the world with their pets which currently includes their cat "Tati".