

Jamil Dada

As one of our distinguished community leaders, Jamil Dada wears many hats. He is an officer of Provident Bank, Riverside County's largest community bank. His two biggest priorities are our nation's workforce and its military, which frequently takes him to Sacramento and Washington D.C. where he is routinely at the table with key Congressional Leaders and also with the Department of Labor and Administration Officials.

He is a long-time member and past chairman of the Riverside County Workforce Development Board (WDB). As a

Gubernatorial Appointee serving his third straight Governor...Jamil has been a member of the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) since 2004 where he served as chairman for two years. He is also a board member of the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) in Washington D. C, where he also served as chairman for two years.

Jamil serves on several boards and commissions related to the former March Air Force Base, now March Air Reserve Base or March Field, a 105-year-old Base, and the largest Air Force Reserve Base in the United States Air Force. His service includes Chairman of the March Field Foundation, President of the March Field Air Museum and Chairman of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Council. Additionally he is a member of Air Mobility Command's Civic Leader Advisory Board, and the 452nd Air Mobility Wing's Honorary Wing Commander. In addition to supporting our military, he is also very passionate about Base joint use efforts, collaborating to bring good jobs to former Base surplus land. In that respect he has worked very closely with the base re-use agency, the March Joint Powers Authority, since its inception in 1994.

In 2007, the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento awarded him their "Small Business Advocate of the Year". In 2019, the Fourth Air Force, which is comprised of 18 wings at 18 different military bases scattered across our Great Nation, from Guam to Hawaii, chose him as the "Fourth Air Force Civic Leader of the Year".

And, even though he didn't win, in 2019, the Washington D. C. based American Bankers Association chose him as one of only five National Finalists for their annual "George Bailey Distinguished Service Award," which is named after the character Jimmy Stewart portrayed in the iconic holiday classic film "It's a Wonderful Life".

Jamil is also very involved with the Riverside Community College District, where he serves in leadership roles in several committees. He is a Past Chairman of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, and is a long-time member, and Past President, of his Rotary Club. In March 2006 he was invited by the then Secretary of the Air Force to spend a week at the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. On July 2006, Jamil had the privilege of taking a two-hour flight in a formation of U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jets performing Independence Day parade flyovers across Southern California.

In May 2014, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously renamed the County's Annual Youth Award Ceremony the "Jamil Dada Character Excellence Youth Award Ceremony." Riverside County is, the tenth largest county in the U.S.

He is the only individual to have been selected as Citizen of the Year of the two largest cities in Riverside County: Moreno Valley in 1997 and Riverside in 2020

Jamil is a four-time cancer survivor and credits his recovery to overwhelming support from his family and the community. He and his wife, Jonnie, have two daughters Shireen and Sarah, and two grandchildren, Tanner and Layla.