



Kurt Schake is the CEO of the Veterans Transition Center of California, with a mission to empower Veterans to move from crisis to self-sufficiency. They are the largest Veteran serving non-profit on the Central Coast. Daily, VTC provides housing and all wrap around services to over 150 Veterans and family members. During his tenure, VTC has been recognized three times as Monterey County's non-profit of the year, as well as California's non-profit of the year.

Community affiliations include serving as the board chair of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers and the Monterey Salinas Transit Advisory Board. He has also been a board member of the Bi-county Leadership Council and Dentistry4Vets. He was also a Colonel in the California State Guard.

Schake spent a quarter century on active duty in the Air Force, including a decade in Europe. He has been a fighter pilot, NATO requirements officer, and director of the Air Force Academy's survival program. He has an MBA from St Mary's College and a PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He and his wife Heidi live in Carmel Valley. They have four grown boys and three rescue dogs.