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Mike Hunsberger

United States Air Force

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Mike Hunsberger joined the Air Force in 1996 receiving his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY. He expected to serve the 4-years required for receiving an ROTC scholarship and then exit the military to utilize his computer engineering degree. Fate would have different plans. Mike so enjoyed the Air Force, the people he got to work with, and the opportunities the Air Force provided that he stayed for 25 years.



Mike started his career at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Six months after arriving and before attending his initial communications officer training, he was deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia to help with the communications infrastructure build out after the bombing of Khobar Towers. After returning to Oklahoma and completing his training, he volunteered for a 1-year assignment in South Korea. The Air Force wanting to invest in Mike sent him to get his Masters Degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Following that assignment Mike was assigned to Scott Air Force Base and during this assignment deployed to Turkey shortly after the 9/11 attacks and the start of the war in Afghanistan. Mike then spent 3 years at Elmendorf Air Force Base until the Air Force decided he should attend school again for another Masters Degree. He was then selected for detachment command in San Antonio, TX where he led a small unit providing network operations for 10 different Air Force bases.

Over the next 10 years he held various staff positions at US Cyber Command and in the Office of the DoD Chief Information Officer in the Pentagon as well as squadron command at Peterson Air Force base in Colorado. The Air Force decided Mike needed even more schooling and sent him the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama for their Senior Service School. Mike culminated his career at Vandenberg Air Force Base (renamed Vandenberg Space Force Base) where he was the Mission Support Group Commander. He led 1800 personnel providing security, civil engineering services, contracting operations, personnel, morale and welfare, and logistic support to over 11,000 people on a nearly 100,000-acre base.

Since retiring to Saint Charles with his wife and daughter, Mike launched Next Mission Financial Planning helping military and veterans prepare for their financial futures.