



# SPECIAL OPS OPSEC

Dave King retired as a Strategic Intelligence officer from DIA in 2008 as a major after 29 years of service in the US Army with 20 of those years in Special Forces enlisted and officer assignments. Since leaving the Army he has continued to serve as a defense contractor supporting intelligence and Irregular Warfare development. He is currently posted as Assistant Scoutmaster in his sons' Boy Scout troop.



In August 1979 while only 17 he enlisted into Special Forces; he served on A-Teams through May 1988. He graduated the Special Forces Qualification Course 10 of 62 as the youngest graduate ever. As an enlisted soldier, he served as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant and later an Intelligence Sergeant on A-Teams, achieving the rank of Sergeant First Class. Subsequently, Dave was commissioned a second lieutenant in Infantry Branch through Johns Hopkins University in May 1988. Prior to completing college and active duty, he served as Platoon Leader in 97<sup>th</sup> ARCOM for one of the last Pathfinder Platoons.

Officer assignments include mechanized infantry Bradley platoon leader and company executive officer in the 1<sup>st</sup> IN Division in Germany from which he deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm; basic combat training company executive officer at Fort Jackson, SC; command of a Special Forces A-Team specializing in Military Free Fall, Battalion Adjutant in 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 7<sup>th</sup> Group and SOUTHCOM operations officer in Special Forces Command at Fort Bragg, NC; on the Army Staff special projects officer in G8 and later as ISR officer at G2; ended uniform service as a strategic intelligence officer on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. Dave was awarded the Purple Heart after being badly burned in the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. Besides numerous medals and decorations he also wears the Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Army Staff Identification Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge and DIA Identification Badge.



Mr. King earned a BA in Government and Politics from University of Maryland in 1988 where he was also a Student Legislator for two years. He completed academic requirements for an MS in Strategic Intelligence at the National Defense Intelligence College (formally Joint Military Intelligence College) in 2004 and completed the Command and General Staff College in 2005. The main stabilizing influence is Miss Halina Dabrowski and

their three sons, Noah-19 Joseph-18 (both at The USC in SC) and Matthew-16 (Gonzaga High School in DC). The boys are involved in sports and members of Boy Scout Troop 447 in Rockville, MD. Noah and Joe are Eagle Scouts.

With Joe, Matthew and Noah at their school's Military Appreciation Day, 2011