

Don Caughey was born and raised in Crescent City, California. He enlisted in the Army after high school, and served for nine years as a Russian linguist in North Carolina, West Berlin and Alaska. The highlight of his enlisted service was his selection to the US Army Europe Sergeant Morales Club in Berlin in 1992. He attended Officer Candidate School in 1994, and commissioned as an Armor officer. As an armor and cavalry officer, he served as a tank platoon leader, tank company executive officer, battalion maintenance officer, squadron logistics officer, cavalry troop commander, observer/controller team chief and assistant professor of military science before he retired.

Don's education includes the Russian Basic Course, Defense Language Institute; a Bachelor of Science degree in History with a minor in Russian Studies from University of Louisville; and a Master of Arts degree with honors in Management & Leadership from Webster University. His first book, *The 6th U.S. Cavalry in the Civil War*, was released in 2013, and his second is slated for publication in late 2018.

Don is currently a Department of the Army civilian serving as the Recruiting Operations Officer for the Army ROTC program at University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He previously worked in the Army ROTC programs at the College of William & Mary and Colorado School of Mines as a Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, and Assistant Professor of Military Science for MS I, II and III classes. He is also a member of the Second Cavalry Association, Order of the Spur and Order of St George.

In addition to his service on the Pikes Peak AUSA executive committee, Don is also active in the Rocky Mountain Civil War Round Table and Civil War Trust. He is married to Gina M. (Carnelli) Caughey and has two children.