

Mike Ferraro Bio

As President and Founder for Bridging The Gap for Veterans Foundation, an IRS Fully Determined 501C3, Mike is an accomplished corporate, government, military and business entrepreneur with strategic, operational and tactical leadership talents and an exceptional record of establishing and cultivating long term relationships, creating sustained revenue generating programs, and leading new business ventures.

At Bridging the Gap, he leads a national effort to help educate and advocate the military community to find rewarding career paths. Using an innovative program, Mike launched the Bridging the Gap Career Academy to enable all veterans to succeed during a career transition. He has hosted a grassroots career program called “Top Gun IGNITE Your Future” on military installations and via virtual webinars with tremendous success for military candidates to meet hiring employers since early 2016. Currently has helped over 2000+ veterans and spouses find employment with veteran friendly employers.

Mike is a businessman and serial entrepreneur. He is also the CEO of MMR Management Group LLC started in 2018 developing a Coffee and Beverage Distribution company serving 80+ Supermarkets to date and expanding. Following a similar Newman’s Own business model, 100% of the after-tax profits are donated to military veteran and first responder non-profit programs. MMR supports Bridging the Gap financially from the sales of coffee programs. Being innovate, he established an online coffee fundraising program to help support other organizations with funding streams during tough economic times.

In his past civilian career, he has held technical and leadership positions in several Fortune 500 companies to include AT&T, Booz-Allen, Emerson Electric as well as within the federal government. As an entrepreneur, he has focused his passion and purpose in life by establishing military veteran career and educational programs that make a difference with a direct impact to veterans and their families.

During the culmination of nearly 32 years of honorable military service in both the active and reserve components, Mike has achieved the highest rank of Command Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Before his retirement from military service in June 2013, he had leadership oversight of nearly 28,000 Airmen at Number Air Force levels at 18 military bases, Wing and Squadron levels and participated in numerous worldwide missions involving wartime readiness campaigns, humanitarian airlifts and strategic policy force development and employer outreach.

Because of his exceptional leadership talents, Mike was appointed in 2020 as the New Jersey Chairman of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (Nj ESGR) with oversight of 80 volunteers and 2 fulltime staff. In this role, he has access to 1000s of Guard and Reserve members educating and advocating for their employment rights while serving our military.

He earned an M. S. in Aeronautical Science and a B.S. Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Mike is an expert homemade wine maker and loves every minute of his craft.

He is a long time New Jersey resident of Wall, New Jersey residing with his two daughters.