

RMYLC 2018 PRESENTERS

DAY: Monday

DAVE KELLER, Lieutenant Colonel (USAF Retired). Former Chief of Character & Leadership Education for the United States Air Force Academy where he directed all cadet character, ethics, and leadership programs at the United States Air Force Academy, to include overseeing the Academy's acclaimed National Character & Leadership Symposium. During a deployment to Iraq he was the senior U.S. advisor to the Iraqi Air Force Academy, and later served as a Deputy Group Commander, where he helped guide the efforts of military personnel in eight locations across Iraq. His undergraduate degree is in Human Behavior & Leadership from the Air Force Academy, and his Master's in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from St Mary's University in San Antonio. He holds a PhD from Texas A&M University (his primary research focused on moral and ethical development of leaders) and is the Director of the Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership there. He has been teaching youth and college students for over 15 years.

DAY: Tuesday

JONATHAN MURPHY, Lieutenant Colonel (USAF); Deputy Department Head and an Assistant Professor at the US Air Force Academy's Department of Economics and Geosciences. He earned a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering/Operations Research from St. Mary's University in Texas and holds an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from the University of Denver in Colorado. He an Air Force Reservist who has spent over a decade teaching Math, Statistics, and Economics courses to hundreds of Academy cadets. Prior to coming to the Academy, served in various Air Force positions and worked in the civilian world as a consultant for the company Booz Allen Hamilton. During that time he participated in multiple studies to assess and improve US Homeland Defense and Civil Response capabilities.

STEVEN SHAMBACH, Colonel (USA, Retired), graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. Commissioned in the Infantry, he served 30 years in the Army until his retirement in 2004. He holds a MA in Organizational Psychology and a MEd in Counseling Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. He taught Leadership at West Point and Strategic Leadership at the Army War College. After his retirement he focused on positions of study of character and leader development to include most recently at the US Air Force Academy. He was assigned as the Professional Development Integration Director in the Center for Character and Leadership Development. His primary responsibility there was to integrate professional development efforts at with faculty and staff, as well as cadets, and with external military and civilian organizations, He is currently the Director of the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference.

MIKE MCGRATH, Captain (USN Retired). A Colorado native and US Naval Academy graduate, Mike completed flight training and was designated a naval aviator. Flying off the aircraft carrier USS Ranger he flew 157 missions over Southeast Asia. Later in 1967 flying

from the USS Constellation he flew another 22 combat missions before he was shot down in June over North Vietnam and spent five years and eight months as a POW until his release in March 1973. Suffering extreme mental and physical cruelties, Mike resisted these brutalities and was released in 1973. His time at the “Hanoi Hilton” caused him to reflect deeply on the important aspects of American life. He has held numerous positions in the military since and upon retirement flew for United Airlines. Mike was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2003 and has been presented the Medal of Courage.

DAY: Wednesday

NATHAN WANTANABE, Lieutenant Colonel (USA Retired). Watanabe graduated from the US Air Force Academy and received a commission as a US Army Infantry Officer. He retired after 28 years after service in various command, staff, and instructor positions in the Infantry, Aviation, and Missile Defense at bases throughout the US and overseas in Afghanistan, Korea, and Panama. He has instructed in Military History at the US Air Force Academy, the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and various local High Schools and regularly presents lectures on Professionalism, Leadership, Discipline, and Character, at the US Air Force Academy and other venues.

DAY: Thursday

MIKE DONAHUE is the executive director and founder of R5 Productions, a non-profit organization based in Monument, CO that is dedicated to enriching the lives of young people. He talks to students about respect, bullying, diversity and about student leadership in the school setting. He helps students find purpose and define themselves while finding the courage to face whatever is holding them back from experiencing greatness. Mike comes from Boston, MA, was a member of the United States Air Force, has been a youth pastor and a youth director in Rockford, IL, Denver, CO, and Bellevue, NE. The last 25 years has been spent traveling the United States, Asia, South America, and Europe speaking to young people. He has written four books, the most recent *Value-Up*.

JOSEPH SANDERS, Colonel (USAF Retired). Dr. Joseph Sanders served as the first Senate-confirmed Permanent Professor and Director, Center for Character & Leadership Development, United States Air Force Academy. During this time, he had the unique privilege of influencing the moral and ethical growth of over 13,000 cadets and staff. He has authored and published several articles and book chapters on topics ranging from transformational and servant leadership to organizational spirituality and moral development. He is the Founder of Touchstone Leadership Academy, an organization committed to creating transformative possibilities for current and future leaders..