



## **Michael Wilson**

### **U.S. Army Sergeant First Class (Ret).**

Michael Wilson completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina and subsequently served as an Infantryman and Scout Sniper with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marines (1989 - 1993) in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In 1991, his unit supported Operation Provide Comfort, a military operation and humanitarian relief effort initiated by the United States and other Coalition nations in an effort to defend Kurdish civilians fleeing their homes in Northern Iraq in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War. From 1994 to 2010, Wilson served in both the North Carolina Army National Guard and Virginia Army National Guard as a Military Police Officer, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, and Operations Non-Commissioned Officer. During this period, Wilson completed a number of deployments to include a deployment in support of the NATO mission in Kosovo (2004), where he served with the North Carolina Army National Guard as a Military Police Squad Leader and deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF – 2008), where he served with the Virginia Army National Guard as a Military Police Platoon Sergeant supporting the training mission of Iraqi Police Officers and as a Company Operations Non-Commissioned Officer. Wilson retired in 2010 as Sergeant First Class, where his decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), the Army Achievement Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, NATO Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Wilson is currently a resident of Germantown, Maryland. Outside of his military career, Wilson has worked with both the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment as a Project Manager and currently with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Maryland as a Competitions Manager. Wilson has been a member of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs since July 2020 and was appointed Chair in April 2024 by County Executive Marc Elrich. Wilson is also a member of the Gaithersburg-Rockville (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Wilson has both a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Public