

Colonel Michael Hayden
United States Air Force, Retired

In April 2013, Mike Hayden was named the Director of Government Relations for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and elected as co-chair of The Military Coalition (TMC).

In 1980, Mike was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force from Officer Training School and after receiving his navigator wings, he compiled over 2,800 flying hours as a B-52 instructor radar navigator.

Mike spent his last five years on active duty at the Pentagon as chief, Personnel Services Division, for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as chief, Military Personnel Policy Division, HQ USAF. In the Joint Staff position, he worked with MOAA in winning Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage for survivors of service members killed on active duty. As the Military Personnel Policy Division Chief, his team developed and implemented the one-year drawdown of over 24,000 airmen.

Since joining the MOAA lobbying team in July 2005, he has led the charge on active duty and retired compensation issues, successfully championing restoration of military pay comparability and fending off inappropriate military retirement changes.

Mike serves as co-chair of TMC with John Davis, Director, Legislative Programs of the Fleet Reserve Association. TMC is comprised of 33 organizations representing more than 5.5 million members of the uniformed services--active, reserve, retired, survivors, veterans--and their families.

Mike holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Northern Illinois University and a Master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle University.