

## **Louis ‘Lue’ Elizondo, Bio & Background**

The son of a Cuban immigrant father fleeing Castro’s regime and a mother who was a model and artist, Luis “Lue” Elizondo was raised in South Florida. After graduating with a B.S. from the University of Miami, where he studied microbiology and immunology, Lue enlisted in the United States Army in 1995 and was assigned to Military Intelligence. In 1998, he was recruited as a civilian intelligence officer into a sensitive U.S. intelligence program within the Department of Defense ("DOD"), where he rose to Senior Intelligence Officer and Special Agent In-Charge. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Lue saw service as an intelligence officer supporting Special Operations and General James Mattis during Operation Enduring Freedom. During tours in Afghanistan and the Middle East, he served as an intelligence Case Officer, Operations Officer, and Battle Captain. Upon returning to the United States in the mid-2000s, Lue oversaw counterespionage and counterterrorism investigations worldwide as a Special Agent in Charge for DOD. From 2005 to 2006, Lue served in the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive and, from 2006 to 2007, in the Nation’s most senior intelligence department, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. In 2008, Lue was hand-selected to return to the Pentagon to establish a law enforcement and intelligence information-sharing office. It was then that Lue was assigned the position of Director, National Programs Special Management Staff, in the DOD’s Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. In this capacity, Lue managed a highly sensitive Special Access Program on behalf of the White House and the National Security Council.

By 2012, Lue was the senior ranking person of the DOD's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, a secretive Pentagon unit that studied unidentified anomalous phenomena (“UAP”), formerly known as unidentified flying objects. In 2017, however, Lue resigned from the Pentagon in protest of its excessive bureaucracy and compartmentalization regarding the UAP issue. Since then, Lue has tirelessly led efforts to raise public awareness of the UAP topic, engaging with Congress, the executive branch, the media, academic institutions, the private sector, and global audiences to help to shape UAP policy. Recognized as a leading expert on the UAP topic, Lue’s media engagements include those with 60 Minutes, Fox News, CNN, NBC, ABC, CBS, the History Channel’s Unidentified: Inside America’s UFO Program, the Washington Post, MSNBC, the Daily Show, and the New York Times. Lue is a New York Times No. 1 bestselling author and London Times bestselling author. Lue also serves on the board of directors of the UAP Disclosure Fund, a nonpartisan, nonprofit foundation committed to uncovering the truth about UAP through transparency, declassification, and political advocacy. The proud father of two daughters, Lue resides in Wyoming with his wife, Jennifer, and their six German Shephard Dogs.