Bio of Bob Taylor

Bob Taylor, a Saginaw, MI native, attained a mechanical engineering degree from Michigan State University in 1986, then joined the Air Force in 1987. He married the love of his life, Sara, on the Fourth of July during navigator training, where he finished as a Distinguished Graduate. Shortly after, Bob was stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base in New York. He then deployed to Diego Garcia and served as a B-52 Navigator on eleven combat missions during Operation Desert Storm. He was awarded the Air Force's Air Medal for his service. Bob also served as a KC-135 Navigator and finally as an Air Force Academy Liaison Officer in the US Air Force Reserves.

Since transitioning from military service, Bob has focused his business acumen and engineering expertise on the medical device industry, where he has started five new companies and sold two. Currently, Bob is the CEO, founder, and sole owner of Alliant Healthcare Group, which includes Alliant Healthcare Products, Alliant Biotech, and Medisurge located in Grand Rapids, MI. Since 2002, his verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business has sold over \$900 million in healthcare products to the VA and military hospitals worldwide.

<u>Bob</u> also founded a veteran nonprofit organization called <u>The Patriot Promise Foundation</u>. He has written a book titled <u>From Service to Success: New Mission, New Purpose, and a New Journey to a Great Life</u>. The book and foundation exist to assist veterans challenged by the mental and emotional aspects of transitioning from military service to civilian life.