

Mike Desmond is a veteran policy and national security professional with more than three decades of experience across military service, the Intelligence Community, Defense Tech, and federal advocacy. He served at the highest level in Special Operations in the U.S. Army. He later held senior operational roles within the Intelligence Community, supporting complex interagency efforts where he advised U.S. leadership and worked alongside international partners on some of the nation's most pressing challenges.



He now serves as Strategic Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy at Mission Roll Call, where he works directly with Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and veteran organizations on issues affecting care, access, and long-term outcomes for veterans and their families. His work with Mission Roll Call is informed by direct input from tens of thousands of veterans nationwide, using survey data to identify gaps in the system and translate lived experience into clear, actionable insights for policymakers. In that role, he helps carry the collective voice of veterans, their spouses, and caregivers into policy discussions—not as a single perspective, but as a broad, data-driven representation of the community's views.

His work supports Mission Roll Call's priorities, including access to quality healthcare across both VA and community providers, support for service-connected injuries and conditions, veteran suicide prevention, and housing access and homelessness prevention. Through this work, Mission Roll Call ensures that the veteran voice brought forward in Washington is grounded in real experiences and reflects the diversity and scale of those who have served.

In addition to his policy work, Mike coaches leaders and teams on decision-making, transition, communication, and execution under pressure. His approach is practical and experience-based, focused on building disciplined habits that improve performance over time. He has worked with organizations including the Dallas Cowboys and US Government agencies.