

Biography
Master Sgt. Michael Washington, U.S. Marine Corps, retired

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Master Sgt. Michael Washington, U.S. Marine Corps, retired, is a former infantry platoon sergeant and counterintelligence agent with a combined 23 years of active duty and reserve service, including deployments to Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Africa. In addition, he has been a firefighter for three decades, including 25 years with the Seattle Fire Department. Mike is co-owner of Red Star Cluster LLC—a speaker's bureau specializing in the mental health of veterans and first responders. He holds a master's in strategic intelligence from American Military University and a master's in social work from the University of Southern California. Mike is a member of Everytown Veterans Advisory Council. Mike serves his community and country in memory of his son, Sgt. Michael T. Washington, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2008 while serving with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.