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Prior to joining Skydio in 2023 he was the SVP/GM for Scale AI's Federal Team and the GM of Microsoft's National Security Team. In those roles he focused on delivering advanced technologies such as AI/ML, cloud computing and mixed reality to warfighters and analysts across the US Federal Government. Prior to his time in industry, he served in the US Air Force for over 25-years as a combat veteran fighter pilot (F-16), commander, and staff officer at Headquarters US Air Force and the Joint Staff.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Arts in International Security Policy from Georgetown University. Additionally, he attended the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business as a Secretary of Defense Fellow. He is also a graduate of the US Air Force Weapons School, NATO Tactical Leadership Program, the National Emergency Management Executive Academy (joint program of the Emergency Management Institute and Harvard University) and the Foreign Service Institute's National Security Executive Leadership Seminar.

Mark currently lives in Fairhope, Alabama where he is active in the American Legion Boys State program and several non-profit boards. He and his wife, Moira, have two children and have recently transitioned to empty nesters.