

## **Shawn L. Deadwiler**

### **Interim, Director of The Black Empowerment Council Inc.**

Shawn Deadwiler served 12 years of active duty for the United States Air Force. Upon separating from active duty to pursue his entrepreneurial dreams he also served as an Individual Mobilization Assistant to the HQ USAF Security Forces where he supported over 9000 active duty, reserve and National Guard Security Forces in network support, including a staff of Senior Officers and equivalent personnel at the Pentagon Air Staff level for 6 years.

Over the span of his active-duty military career, Mr. Deadwiler has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal as a young E-5 Staff Sergeant; two Air Force Commendation Medals and an Air Force Achievement Medal in his first 12+ years on active duty.

A successful entrepreneur of 24+ years, and is an extremely dedicated, visionary leader, Mr. Deadwiler was an early adopter and administrator of information technology networking systems for the department of defense, federal government and commercial marketplace. He was COO of a graduating SBA 8(a) company that was listed as one of the top 25 companies in the Washington DC Metro area in 2008.

Mr. Deadwiler has expertise in building and managing cohesive teams across diverse disciplines and locations for corporate and government services. His principles of Integrity, responsibility, hard work, and service have contributed to his positive reputation and are the core values that serve as the foundation of one of his few companies, The SLD Group. The SLD Group is a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) and a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that has provided hundreds of consulting positions and/or working capital with the mission to assess, implement and monitor business and management consulting needs of the private and public business sectors.

Mr. Deadwiler is also the Chair and Interim Director of the non-profit organization, Black Veterans Empowerment Council Inc. (BVEC). A non-partisan coalition of national, state and local veterans' organizations seeking to shift long-standing racial and economic inequities suffered by Black veterans throughout the United States.

Mr. Deadwiler attended and studied at the University of Maryland Global Campus and has completed many technical and executive leadership courses.

Mr. Deadwiler resides in Phoenix, Arizona and North Bethesda, Maryland with his wife, Gala Deadwiler and has one son, the joy of his life, Shawn II.