

Mike became the County of Ventura - Veteran Services Officer (CVSO) on January 25, 2010. The CVSO is responsible for managing the County of Ventura's Veteran Services Office (VSO) and its staff. The primary mission of the VSO is advocating on behalf of Ventura County's 41,000 veterans as well as the 10,000 military personnel in the county, and their families. The office connects veterans with their federal and state benefits as well as with local resources.

Prior to assuming the CVSO duties, Mike worked three years in the private sector for Baxter International, in their Newbury Park BioScience facility making hemophilia drugs as their training & development manager. Before working in the private sector, Mike held a variety of leadership positions in the Air Force, first in fuels management/logistics planning and the last seven years as a First Sergeant (E-8) during which he was the senior enlisted advisor to the unit commander and exercised general supervision all enlisted personnel with the unit assigned to. The range ranged from 350 – 550 personnel.

Mike deployed for three major Operations: to USAFE Headquarters Staff for ALLIED FORCE in 1999, to Kuwait for SOUTHERN WATCH in 2002, and to Kuwait for IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003. He was also stationed in Kunsan AB, Republic of South Korea from 08/96 – 02/98. He ultimately retired after 20 years, with his last assignment as the First Sergeant for the Air Force Detachment at Naval Base Ventura County – Port Hueneme.

Mike serves as a member of the advisory board for Reins of HOPE equine therapy and is a member of the Greater LA Community Veterans Engagement Board. Mike holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management.