

BIOGRAPHY: BRUCE A. KOEHLER, USAF (Retired)



Bruce A. Koehler retired from the United States Air Force in 1993. During his twenty-year career he was in both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars along with numerous other covert actions. His involvement included assisting in both espionage and counter espionage activities, working with various government intelligence agencies, the Recovery of the SS Mayaguez, signaling the White House of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, monitoring the Falkland Islands and Grenada operations, upgrades to Syrian Air Defenses, Soviet bomber crew rotations to Cuba, monitoring Soviet Naval Air Forces activity and training, and counter drug-cartel efforts and the ICBM acquisition

efforts by two southern hemisphere countries. In all situations, his keen analysis of detail resulted in a highly accurate ability to predict what the targets were going to do. His efforts were lauded by the British Bomber Command as well as the CIA and he was recognized by his Command General as he was singularly pulled to develop and train others in his career field. The course he developed highly streamlined the training process and was recognized as being an extremely efficient and effective improvement over previous methods and was the model upon which other courses were developed. When the President and Faculty of Angelo State University were preparing for an advisory trip to the recently opened Soviet Union, his lecture and presentation on the educational methods used within the Soviet Union were highly lauded by the team. His work included consultations with Leon Panetta, Arlen Spectre, and Sam Nunn on a variety of intelligence matters. He is still sought out by his former students, workers, and peers.

He graduated from Upper Merion Senior High School in 1971, earned a Bachelor of Science in Management with Psychology/Sociology minors from the University of Maryland and a Masters of Public Administration with emphasis in Operations, Planning, and Budget from Troy University. He also holds degrees in Foreign Languages, Teaching, and Computer Science.

He is a Life member of Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (a nonprofit Veterans 501(c)19), since 2010, serving as Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, and Commander. He is an active Life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11575 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. As a member of American Legion Post 33 in South Carolina, he has served as Adjutant and as a Past Commander of a very active post of over 120 members. He is also a member of the Post's Legion Riders.

He is married to Kara Jones of Virginia Beach, and they have nine children [Joan, Chris, Danielle, Margaret, Matthew, Sarah, Emma (Meira), Isaac, and Andrew].