MEET DR. MIKE SMITH

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER, AUTHOR & LEADERSHIP COACH

- 26 Year USAF Combat Veteran & Former 1st Sgt of the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds
- 10 Years as a Corporate Leader in a Berkshire Hathaway company
- PhD in Industrial & Organizational Psychology, with a specialization in Leadership Development & Coaching
- Published research on "Veteran's Experience With Social Acceptance After Beginning Civilian Employment"©
- Official Member and Thought Leader on Forbes Coaches Council
- President, International Coaching Federation (ICF) Southern Nevada
 Fellow Member of the Institute of Coaching: McLean, Affiliate of Harvard
- Medical School
- Leadership Board Member and Dean's Associate, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)
- Featured on FOX Atlanta, NBC Louisville, ABC Portland, CBS Tampa, Forbes, HR Morning and many others

Mike enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1983 and served for 26 years. During the course of his career, Mike held numerous leadership positions to include Air Education & Training Command (AETC) Major Command Headquarters Staff, Contracting Superintendent, Flight Chief, led several base Honor Guard teams providing military honors to fallen comrades, and later became a First Sergeant.

At the height of his career, Mike was selected to serve as the First Sergeant of the elite USAF Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, where he traveled around the world representing the men and women of the Air Force through airshows, community visits, and speaking at events.

After retiring from active duty, Mike transitioned into the civilian sector where one became a corporate leader in a Berkshire Hathaway Energy company working for Warren Buffet and Greg Able. In that role he provided leadership, mentorship and guidance to company employees at all levels, including senior corporate leaders.











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Mike most recently served as the Group CEO of a global coaching company and is now Founder and President of his own company where he is highly sought after for keynotes, workshops, retreats and master minds. He is also an official member and thought leader on Forbes Coaches Council and President of International Coaching Federation (ICF) Southern Nevada. Dr. Mike has been featured on FOX Atlanta, FOX Baltimore, FOX Indianapolis, NBC Louisville, NBC Davenport, NBC Memphis, ABC Portland, ABC Tulsa, CBS Tampa and CBS Michigan, to name a few. Additionally, he has had articles featured in Forbes, HR Morning and other publications, and will be releasing his first book in the near future. (*Watch Dr. Mike's Interview Highlight Reel*)

Mike holds a PhD in Industrial & Organizational Psychology, with a specialization in Leadership Development and Coaching, from Walden University, a Master of Human Relations from The University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He also holds a Professional Development Certificate in Building Organizational Cultures from Harvard University, an Executive Certificate in Leadership from the University of Notre Dame, a Professional Certificate in Advanced Human Resource Management from UNLV and is a Certified Professional Corporate Speaker (CPCS). Mike is a Presidential Member of The National Society of Leadership and Success and has been inducted into The International Honor Society in Psychology (PSI-CHI), as well as The National Society of Collegiate Scholars for commitment to the ideals of Scholarship, Leadership and Service



Dr. Mike Smith is the real deal when it comes to leadership expertise. I've watched him speak on stage and be interviewed many times on television, and he offers real-world perspective and solid advice from his time in the military and as a top executive coach. He's smart and relatable, and he's definitely someone you want in your corner whether you're trying to grow your business or navigate difficult times. What's even better is in addition to his knowledge and insights into leadership, he's also one of the nicest, humble and most down to earth people you'll ever meet.

- Bruce Serbin 8 Time Award Winning Publicist



Since beginning my work with Dr Mike in 2022, I continue to find great benefits in both my professional and personal life. Since day one, his ability to genuinely connect and personalize our conversations has made our sessions effective and impactful. I enjoy the thought-provoking process and guidance to help craft a personalized experience that is easily applied in all leadership settings.

- M. Jong COO Hawkers Asian Street Food



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