

Sergeant Major Alford L. McMichael USMC (Ret)

Alford L. McMichael is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces having served his country for more than 36 years.



In June 1999, he was appointed as the 14th Sergeant Major of the United States Marine Corps. In 2003, he became the first Sergeant Major ever to serve as the Sergeant Major of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In 2006, Sergeant Major McMichael was appointed to the American Veteran Steering Committee, working to improve the quality of life for young veterans of the United States Armed Forces. In 2007, he was appointed to an Independent Commission on the security of Iraq, served as a member of a special envoy for peace in the Middle East in 2008 and in 2009 became a member of the National Military Family Association and was appointed to serve as a Secretarial appointee on the department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials.

Sergeant Major McMichael is a Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit awardee. He has served as a member of the Security Cooperation/Security Assistance program to help develop the International Defense Enlisted Development program and on the Board of Directors for the American Financial Services Association as a member of the Education Foundation. He currently serves as the Managing Director for Pinnacle Five, helping veterans and their families transition to civilian life productively; as an advisory board member for Thanks USA, a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces by providing college, technical and vocational school needs based on scholarships for children and spouses of active-duty military personnel; and as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Uniformed Services, promoting a strong national defense and protecting the benefits earned through service and sacrifice in the uniformed services.

In May 2003, Sergeant Major McMichael was inducted into the Boys and Girls Club of America Hall of Fame for his positive influence and inspiration to the Club movement. He was inducted into the Arkansas Walk of Fame in July 2004 for distinguishing himself by making significant contributions in his profession, and in 2008 he published *LEADERSHIP: Achieving Life-Changing Success From Within*. Sergeant Major McMichael provides leadership and mentor counseling for high schools so children have a better understanding of the need to pursue excellence in all endeavors and provides leadership training and workshops on creating life-changing success and team building.

In 2011, Sergeant Major McMichael became the CEO and president for McMichael Services Group, LLC, which provides critical client support solutions in the areas of physical and cyber security, administrative support and janitorial services. He is also the founder and president of 4 -DREW Foundation, a foundation that supports children at risk.

Sergeant Major McMichael is married to the former Miss Rita Winfree and they live in Alexandria, VA.