



Brig Gen Frederick A. "Rick" Zehrer III, USAF (Ret) — Director Veterans Advisory Council

Rick received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and a Master of Science in Business Management from the University of Arkansas.

As a Distinguished Graduate of Air Force ROTC in college, he was commissioned in 1962 and retired 30 years later with the rank of Brigadier General. While on active duty, he held 31 different jobs and was stationed overseas for 16 of those 30 years. Rick was fortunate to have commanded units from Squadron to Division level; these "command" tours

of duty spanned a total of 10 ½ years.

As a Base, Wing, and Division Commander, he was directly responsible for the security and physical plant of the entire Air Force base and its weaponry, plus the welfare of over 7,000 military, civilian, and family members...effectively, a "mayoral" challenge. He was also directly responsible for annual budgets exceeding \$60 million. Most of his military career involved flying trainer, fighter, and electronic combat aircraft amassing over 3,700 flying hours. Memorable events included a tour in the F-4D Phantom aircraft in Vietnam and flying in the command aircraft during the 1986 raid on Libya, codenamed "Eldorado Canyon." He also spent several years in the personnel (Human Resources) and communications/computer systems career fields.

Upon retirement from the Air Force, he was Defense Liaison for the State of Alabama, working base closure (BRAC) issues for the Governor for three years. He spent the next nine years working for major defense contractors. Relocating to The Hills in 2004, he now spends most of his time participating in volunteer activities at The Hills of Lakeway Country Club, for the Village of The Hills, and fundraising for charities.

Rick recently completed 6 years on the Board of Governors for the Country Club. He also presents the "Member's Perspective" at each New Member Orientation at the 3,200+ member Club. In 2013, he was elected to his second two-year term on the Village of The Hills Board of Aldermen. Also, he is Chairman of the Lake Travis Christmas Hope Committee, dedicated to raising funds to support the Wounded Warriors at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Joyful Horse Project.



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