

BIO – Mr. David Huffman

Mr. David “Dave” Huffman currently serves the National League of POW-MIA Families as the Southeast Regional Coordinator. He became involved in the POW-MIA cause at age 17 when he met and interviewed the mother of a missing USMC aviator. He has worn the POW-MIA bracelet of that aviator for nearly 40 years.

As the Southeast Regional Coordinator, together with his wife Jeanie, Mr. Huffman has conducted numerous talks at Veteran Service Organizations, set up POW-MIA artifact displays for memorial events and schools, published the SE Region newsletter, and represented the National League of POW-MIA Families at the White House. The key to their success in volunteering for the League is teamwork.

Mr. Huffman’s background is in law enforcement. For over 30 years he served with the Norfolk Police Department. He rose through the ranks from Officer to Captain. As a Captain, Mr. Huffman served as the Commanding Officer for various divisions including the Homeland Security Division, 3rd Patrol Division, Training Division, Vice & Narcotics Division and the Office of Support Services. While in charge of the Homeland Security Division, the Special Operations Team, Bomb Squad, Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit and Harbor Patrol all reported to him. Mr. Huffman served as the officer-in-charge of all critical incidents occurring within the City of Norfolk including Hostage/Barricade situations, bomb threats and maritime search and rescue operations. On numerous occasions during his career, Mr. Huffman served as the Acting Chief of Field Operations, Acting Chief of Investigative Services and Acting Chief of Administrative Services.

Mr. Huffman has served as the Incident Commander for a variety of special events including events of national significance. He has had extensive training in Improvised Explosive Devices, SWAT operations, Search and Rescue, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Incident Command and various leadership courses. During his tenure with the Norfolk Police Department, Mr. Huffman managed the law enforcement security component for the mass transit system within the City of Norfolk to include bus, ferry and light rail. Mr. Huffman has held Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services certifications as a General Instructor, Firearms Instructor and Defensive Tactics Instructor for over 20 years. Mr. Huffman developed the Active Threat/Shooter training and response plan for the Norfolk Police Department and was instrumental in establishing the City’s first Bicycle Patrol Unit.

Mr. Huffman has maintained numerous outside interests including teaching multiple law enforcement classes at the local community college for 5 five years. He has served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and is proud of the 11 Eagle Scouts he helped along their journey including two of his sons. Mr. Huffman managed a law enforcement/military tactical training company and has worked as a consultant on many projects including the development and implementation of Mutual Aid/Memorandums of Understanding agreements. Other duties

included managing large scale training events and conferences, marketing and advertising and equipment sales.

Mr. Huffman has traveled extensively including a missionary trip to Nicaragua and studying Homeland Security in Israel. Mr. Huffman is proud to have responded to “Ground Zero” following the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. He led a small team of officers to the attack site where they assisted other First Responders in rescue and recovery efforts in New York City.

Mr. Huffman is a graduate of St. Leo University holding a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Homeland Security. He is presently in the process of working on an MBA. He is a graduate of multiple leadership schools including the West Point Leadership School and the FBI National Command College.

Mr. Huffman’s leadership style is that of a mentor and a coach. He does not ask those to do things he is not willing to do himself. He believes in positive reinforcement and rewarding those who excel and helping those who need assistance in their growth. He is always willing to lend a hand and encourages others to do their best.

During his law enforcement career, Mr. Huffman has been awarded several commendations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Police Commendation Award, World Trade Center Bar and Master Pistol Ribbon. Mr. Huffman has been honored by multiple cities and community organizations for his law enforcement service. He was recognized by the American Legion in 1993 as Police Officer of the Year for the City of Norfolk. In 1994 and 1995 he was presented with the Police Officer of the Year award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 2005 he received the Police Officer of the Year award from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Huffman is currently the Chief of Police at a mid-sized hub international airport. He is married to Jeanie Jacobs Huffman, MIA daughter of CDR Edward J. Jacobs, Jr. USN MIA 25 AUG 1967. Jeanie serves as the League Social Media Coordinator and League Photographer. They reside in Chesapeake and between them they have 4 sons, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter. One son is a USMC veteran, and another is actively serving in the Marine Corps. Mr. Huffman served in the Virginia Army National Guard and attended ROTC Basic Camp at Fort Knox, KY many years ago.