

Michael Darius McPherson

Michael is the grandson of captured U.S. Army civilian, still unaccounted-for Tanos “Tommy” Emile Kalil, Reference Number 1375. Tommy is officially listed as DIC/BNR. Michael was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended Georgia State University, where he studied Political Science and Anthropology. For the past 16 years, Michael has worked in government relations. Currently, as a Municipal Services Consultant for the Georgia Municipal Association, Michael serves the elected officials and staff of the 67 cities in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Michael is the proud father of Katherine Louise (5), and Winfield Alton (3). Michael and his wife of 18 years, Ying, live in the City of Sandy Springs.

In early 2008, Michael called the League office and spoke with Ann for the first time. He’d spent years wondering if there was anything else to his grandfather’s story, if there were records to see, if there was anything that could be done. Ann suggested he contact the proper casualty officer and request his family case files. Michael attended his first League meeting that year. In 2009, Michael was asked to serve on a League special committee to recommend solutions to current challenges, one of which was to find a new office.

Michael has served in different capacities with non-profits in the past. He served as Associate Director of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards, supported administrative and programming work of the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, the Georgia Superior Clerks Cooperative Authority, and currently the Georgia Municipal Association. He served as President, Treasurer and Board Member of the Cabbagetown Initiative Community Development Corporation, and President and Board member of the Stacks at the Fulton Cotton Mill Condominium Association. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Southeastern Recycling Development Council, which consists of private industry, nonprofit, and government representatives. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta. He hopes his experience will serve the League well and is excited to carry the mission forward. Michael will push for more member resources, explore new fundraising opportunities, and work to bring more of the next generation of POW/MIA family members into fight for answers and the fullest possible accounting.