

Founder

MISSION

Mike is the Founder of Project Exodus Relief. He, his Wife, Kendall, and his hand selected Project Exodus Relief Team of professionals are fully committed to efforts in the recovery of Americans Citizens and Afghan SOF soldiers left behind after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan. He stands committed to ensure that Project Exodus Relief assists in maintaining the rescue of Citizens and the valuable assets needed to keep terrorism off our "front doorstep". Beyond providing group leadership, Mike spends his time by appearing on Cable News to gain awareness of Project Exodus' mission; lobbying members of the Senate and Congress and Agencies within US Government for support and keeping the Team focused on recovery of these valuable intelligence assets that are being hunted by the Taliban.

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BACKGROUND

David "Mike" Edwards started his professional Military career attending Marion Military Institute where he excelled at Military Science while assigned to the ROTC program. After his 2nd year, he decided he would withdraw from school before being commissioned and enlisted in the US Army with the intent to serve in a Special Operations unit.

He served 3 years in the conventional Army and was stationed in Korea when the attacks of September 11th, 2001, transpired. At that time, he re-enlisted for service with 75th Ranger Regiment. He served with 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment as rifleman, fire team leader, and an assault squad leader on several Combat deployments. He was wounded during a battle in Tal-Afar Iraq in 2005 where he received the <u>Purple Heart Medal and the Silver</u> Star Medal.

Mike then served as a Ranger Indoctrination course (selection) cadre for 2 years before attending assessment and selection for the Regimental Reconnaissance <u>Company</u> (RRC). While assigned to RRC he deployed countless times conducting low-vis clandestine reconnaissance, and other tactical reconnaissance missions. He has commanded a fighting force of as many as 700 fighters as the senior US advisor. After being promoted to Master Sergeant in 2011, he finished his time as an RRC assistant Team leader. In mid-2013, he assumed the position of mortar platoon sergeant for 3rd Ranger Battalion. In 2015, he moved to Yuma, AZ where he would be assigned as the Detachment NCOIC of the Free Fall Parachutist course, the NCOIC of the Jump Master course and taught at the Instructor Course before retiring in March 2019.

After his military service, he trained the most elite special operations units as a contractor in basic and advanced Military Free Fall tactics including body flight, canopy flight, and tactical employment. He also trained and evaluated SEAL teams in surveillance techniques while working as an Independent Contractor. He was then approached by Augustine Consulting Inc where he worked for a year and a half as a government consultant. He continues to consult on security, training, and equipment design and employment.

Mike Is a lifetime member of the US Army Ranger Association and has been nominated for the Ranger Hall of Fame.