

Michael Swift was born and raised in Ogden, Utah and graduated from Weber High School in 1982. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Weber State University in 1989. He was also commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Utah where he was named a Distinguished Graduate. His first assignment was at Mather AFB, California where he earned his navigator wings and he then went on to become a navigator/bombardier in the B-52 Bomber. Being in the Air Force has taken him and his family all over the United States. During this time they moved 33 times and have lived in 9 different states. While on active duty, Mike held many different jobs such as a combat mission ready aviator, instructor, student, and staff officer. He has been a commander at multiple levels including being the Commander of Air Force ROTC detachment at Utah State University in Logan, Utah - the very same school and detachment he attended as a university freshman. Being in the Air Force has given Mike a great depth of leadership, experience, communication, and problem solving skills. He also has an innate ability to get along with and work with people. Numerous times he has had to use this skill while leading diverse groups of people with wide varieties of backgrounds and opinions, yet at the same time being able to bring them together to get the job done. Many times in Mike's career he has worked with local and national political leaders and community and business leaders. This experience has given him a wide background and experience on how communities operate.



On June 1, 2012, Mike retired as a Lt Colonel after 22 years, 4 months and 22 days of active duty service. From August 2012 to July of 2014, he served as the Air Force Junior ROTC Senior Aerospace Studies Instructor for Lincoln Public Schools in Lincoln, Nebraska teaching at Northeast High School in Lincoln.

In the summer of 2014, Mike and his family returned to Utah to be around family and to do those things he loves to do. He currently lives at 1133 Creek View Drive in Fruit Heights.

He is actively involved in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Boy Scouts, and has been a member of the American Legion and the Military Officers Association of America. In his spare time he likes to camp, fish, shoot archery, do wood working, and design, build and fly remote controlled airplanes. His favorite movies are The Hobbit series, the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and the Star Wars saga.

Mike and his wife, Shelly, have been married since 1986 and they have five children. Their oldest son is a fighter pilot for the United States Air Force, his first daughter works for the State of Utah, and their other daughter works for the LDS Church. His second son is serving a service mission for the LDS church and his last son is a junior at Davis High School. Mike also has a yellow Lab named "Zeus" and a grey tabby cat named "Belle".