



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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BABE KWASNIAK

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Mr. Babe Kwasniak is a leadership coach/motivational speaker for Diligent Plans. Mr. Kwasniak is Head Basketball Coach at Cornerstone Christian Academy, Willoughby, Ohio. Coach Kwasniak was the Head Basketball Coach at his alma mater, Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, Ohio from 2010 – 2020. In that span his team won state championships in 2013, 2015, and 2017 and played in 5 straight state title games. He also served as the High School's Director of Advancement/Director of Leadership Development, leading the school's fundraising and teaching leadership to students. Mr. Kwasniak worked as a sales director for Ameripath, the world's largest cancer/molecular testing company where he managed in excess of \$38 million. Mr. Kwasniak is a passionate advocate and keynote speaker for veterans tackling challenges such as post-traumatic stress, transition difficulties and suicidal ideations.

EDUCATION

United States Military Academy at West Point, BS, 1999.

MILITARY SERVICE

1999-2004: Honorably discharged as a Captain. The Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Global War on Terrorism Medal. Second Lieutenant Kwasniak was an honor grad of the Infantry Officer Basic Course. He played for and coached both the All Army and All Armed Forces Basketball Teams while on active duty.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Mr. Kwasniak is a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, the National Infantry Association, the Catholic War Veterans Post 1959, and an Honorary Member of the 35th Infantry Regiment.

CIVIC: Mr. Kwasniak is an active board member for NEOPAT (Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism), a nonprofit organization created to honor patriots who serve or have served in the armed forces by working to minimize sacrifices that Soldiers and their families endure. He is also an active board member of The Fellowship for Christian Athletes (FCA), a nonprofit, interdenominational Christian sports ministry to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Mr. Kwasniak founded the Live-4-Joy Foundation which is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of Ocular Melanoma.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Kwasniak was inducted into the 2020 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. He won gold medals playing All Army Basketball in 2001 and coaching in 2002, 2004 and 2005. He won gold medals playing All Armed Forces basketball in 2001 and coaching in 2004. In 2004 Mr. Kwasniak was Ameripath's "Rookie of the year" and in 2010 was the "Sales Director of the year." Coach Kwasniak was the News Herald "Coach of the Year" in 2015 and 2017. He was the Greater Cleveland Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2015. He was the North Coast League Coach of the Year in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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