



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

OHIO (NORTH)



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Mr. Mansfield serves as the university spokesman and leads the media relations team as the Assistant Vice President, Content Strategy and Communications for Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. This opportunity followed a 20-year career as a front-line journalist, most notably as an Emmy award-winning anchor/reporter with WKYC (NBC) in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Mansfield often reflects on the service of soldiers, veterans and their families through his work as a creative playwright. His original play, "Love in Reserve," which chronicles the life and challenges of an Army couple separated during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom, debuted in late 2021. The play was named a national semifinalist for the Bridge Award by Arts in the Armed Forces, a national organization led by actor Adam Driver which supports military members and their families through the Arts, and was awarded "Best New Play by a Local Playwright" by the Cleveland Critics Circle.

EDUCATION

Mr. Mansfield earned a Master's Degree in Public Relations from Kent State University in 2012 and a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Dayton in 1991. He is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from Kent State University.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Mansfield enlisted at age 17 into the Ohio Army National Guard and served for 20 years before retiring in 2006. As an enlisted soldier, Eric deployed to Honduras and to state emergencies as a Military Police officer. Mr. Mansfield earned his commission via Ohio's Officer Candidate School (OCS), where he was named honor graduate and class president. Mr. Mansfield spent three years as an MP platoon leader followed by two years as an instructor at the Ohio Military Academy. On 9/11, Mr. Mansfield was serving in the final year of his three-year assignment as the commander of the 1484th Transportation Company in Akron, Ohio. From 2003-2004, Mr. Mansfield deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as a transportation logistics officer with the 371th Corps Support Group. After completing EO/EEO training with the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) in 2005, Mr. Mansfield led a transportation cell in southern Mississippi as part of the military response to Hurricane Katrina. In 2006, Mr. Mansfield retired from the military as a Major (O-4) while assigned as an EO officer to Troop Command, Ohio Army National Guard.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Army Commendation Medal (Iraq)
Humanitarian Service Medal (Hurricane Katrina)
Numerous Army Service Medals (20 years of service)
Honor Graduate – Ohio Military Academy (Officer Candidate School)

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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