



C. Eddy Mentzer

C. Eddy Mentzer is an Associate Director in the Department of Defense's Office of Family Readiness Policy with primary responsibility for managing the Department's Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) Program. Eddy is responsible for leading a team of individuals whose focus is increasing the opportunities for Military spouses to develop career opportunities that lend themselves towards the military lifestyle. These endeavors include management of the Military One Source Spouse Career Counseling program, My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA), the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) and a myriad of other programs focused on the well-being of Military spouses and their families. Additionally, Eddy manages the DoD's partnership with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Land Grant University (LGU) Cooperative Extension System in support of Military families. This unique federal partnership leverages the expertise of the LGU's research, programming and faculty in support of military families. As part of this program, he is the program lead for the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State University, Military REACH at the University of Minnesota, and serves as the lead Action Officer on the DoD's 5 2 1 0 Healthy Military Children campaign. Prior to moving to the DoD, Eddy spent six years as a National Program Leader within the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture where he managed multiple global programs in support of military children, youth and families. From 1990 to 2004 Eddy was a Department of the Air Force civilian managing numerous child, youth, education and family support programs at a variety of levels throughout Europe. Eddy is originally from Poulsbo, WA and relishes his role as a military spouse and the father of a military child. Eddy is married to Air Force LtCol Eries Mentzer and they have one son Jaxson.