

MICHAEL EBERHARDT

Mike is a retired lawyer who began his career in 1972 as a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York prosecuting organized crime cases. Subsequently, he served in senior counsel positions with the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on the Assassinations (John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.) He then served on the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations as Deputy Chief Counsel. Before entering private practice with a large Washington, D.C. law firm representing military contractors, he served as Acting Inspector General at the GSA and as an Assistant Inspector General at DOD. While in the Government, he was recipient of the John Marshall award from the Attorney General, and the Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service from the Secretary of Defense.

Following seven years in private practice, he served as General Counsel to E-Systems in Dallas, Texas, a Fortune 500 contractor primarily working under contracts with the CIA, NSA and other intelligence agencies. After returning to private practice in 2001, he founded Contractor Integrity Solutions which provides monitor services for federal agencies and courts over companies which had been found to have violated federal criminal or federal fraud statutes.

Since 2015, he has co-authored four books relating to Stalag Luft 3, the site of The Great Escape and where his father was a WWII POW. These publications include *From Interrogation To Liberation, A Photographic Journey of Stalag Luft III* (which was used a source book for the TV series, "Masters of the Air.") Another of his publications, *From Commandant to Captive*, profiles the life and memoirs of Commandant Wilhelm Von Lindeiner, who served as Commandant of Stalag Luft 3 at the time of The Great Escape. Mike continues to be involved in uncovering POW records at the National Archives, and in WWII POW preservation efforts in Germany and Poland.

Mike has also written articles relating to his relatives from the Tombstone Arizona era (1880s and 1890s), as well as articles on the Medal of Honor. His August 2024 book entitled *Medal of Honor---Its Dark Sides*, provides a unique historical critique of military failures regarding the Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor research is being used to secure Medals for soldiers who were approved for the Medal of Honor but never notified.

In recent years he has funded several Medal of Honor memorials—primarily in Texas, Arizona and Illinois and created a website for two brothers who earned the Medal of Honor during the Civil War. He has also funded scholarships in the name of historical/military figures.

Mike went to undergraduate school at William and Mary and the University of North Carolina School of Law where he was on the Law Review. He received a Master-in-Law from NYU.

Mike served in the Marine Corps Reserve for six years. He is an avid golfer and river cruise traveler.

