

## Biography

### **Anthony R. Hernandez** **President & Chief Executive Officer**



Anthony Hernandez is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Defense Credit Union Council (DCUC). He joined DCUC as its Chief Operating Officer in August 2016 and was selected as its CEO in April 2017. In this capacity, Mr. Hernandez is responsible for ensuring DCUC's overall operational effectiveness and the Council's continued growth as the principal trade association exclusively supporting the interests of defense credit unions serving the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide and representing over 23 million credit union members.

As President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hernandez works with the Department of Defense (DoD) on matters affecting defense credit unions and the financial quality of life of DoD personnel. Mr. Hernandez DCUC highlights include rebranding DCUC and advancing the Council's status as an independent trade association, establishing a new Military Advocacy Committee; creating and distributing a new comprehensive *Armed Forces Financial Guide*; offering comments on various Legislative and Regulatory proposals; bolstering the Council's emphasis on financial education; increasing revenue streams; and spearheading the Council's 5-year plan.

Prior to joining DCUC, Mr. Hernandez served in the United States Air Force in various senior leadership and command positions, both as a Mission Support Group Commander and as the Chief Financial Officer of an Air Force Major Command as a full Colonel. Key among his assignments were Air Staff and Congressional Liaison Officer for the B-2 Bomber Program as a Captain, an "extraordinary" assignment at the Pentagon during 9/11 as a Major, and two tours of duty as a Squadron Commander. Colonel Hernandez also served as the Executive Officer to the Commander of Air Combat Command where he directly supported the 4-Star commander of 145,000 Airmen and was rated as the "#1 of 157 Lieutenant Colonels" on the headquarters staff.

As the Chief Financial Officer for the Air Mobility Command, Colonel Hernandez expertly administered a \$20 billion annual budget in support of worldwide airlift and vital transportation requirements in support of United States and allied forces while reducing operating expenses by over \$900 million per year.

Colonel Hernandez officially retired from active duty after 25 years, closing his career as the Commander, 319th Mission Support Group at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. In this capacity, Colonel Hernandez concurrently served as the installation's Mayor, Chief Magistrate, City Manager, and Director of Emergency Management Operations for an isolated base supporting the Global Hawk mission and its 3,900 personnel and family members.

Mr. Hernandez has a Bachelor of Business Administration from New Mexico State University (1991), a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix (2000), a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College (2005), and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College (2012).

He and his wife, Jennifer reside in Virginia.

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