



Michael Edward Deibert
Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Air Force Reserve
28 November 1977 – 31 May 2009

Michael was born on 18 July 1955, in Pennsylvania, in the Allentown Hospital, while his family was living in Wescosville in Lower Macungie Township. His parents were **Charles Edward Deibert Sr.** (born 19 July 1928) and **Marilyn Gay (Zink) Deibert** (born 1 February 1933). The following year, the family moved to Longswamp Township, Pennsylvania, where Michael attended elementary school and graduated from Brandywine Heights Area High School in Topton in 1973. He then attended Kutztown State College in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1977 summa cum laude with a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education, German. He then moved to Ocean City, New Jersey, where, in November of 1977, he enlisted in the New Jersey Air National Guard (NJANG) as a Public Affairs Specialist with the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group (FIG) “Jersey Devils”, with headquarters at the Atlantic City Airport in Pomona, New Jersey. He later attended Officers Candidate School for two months at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Station in Knoxville, Tennessee. On 6 May 1982, Michael was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air National Guard. He continued to serve with the 177th FIG, as Education and Training Officer, Executive Officer to the Group Commander, Disaster Preparedness Officer, and Services Officer. In June 1990, Michael was reassigned to 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base (AFB) in Delaware, where he initially served as Services Officer and later was named the first commander, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron at the Dover Port Mortuary - the military's only state-side mortuary charged with caring for our nation's fallen. While at Dover, his unit handled five mass casualty operations at the mortuary. In May 2000, Michael was transferred to the 305th Airlift Wing at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, near Trenton. He served there as Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Commander, 305th Services Squadron (May 2000 to April 2009) and then to the Commander, 87th Force Support Squadron until his retirement from the Air Force Reserve in May 2009. In 2001, while assigned to the 305th Airlift Wing, Michael earned a Master of Science Degree in Education from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He also served as Course Director and Academic Director for the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Language Academy at five different locations in Eastern Europe. He also taught English for the Confederation. In addition, while at McGuire AFB, he served on active duty from September to December 2002. Michael was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 31 January 2002. He retired from the Air Force Reserve on 31 May 2009, after 32 years of service. For his service, Michael was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Achievement Medal (all with Oak Leaf Cluster), and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He was also named Air Mobility Command Services Officer of the Year in 2003. Michael married **Ann Louise Seibert** (born 29 March 1957) on 26 March 1994, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. They made their home in Brecknock Township, Berks County, where Michael currently teaches German for the Exeter Township School District near Reading, Pennsylvania. Besides Michael's father, who served in the Army in Korea, the family has a long and proud tradition of military service to include his grandfather, **Dr. George Solomon Deibert** (Army Medical Services in World War I); great-grandfather **Solomon Deibert** (in the Union Army in the Civil War); great-great grandfather, **Michael Deibert Jr.** (Army in the War of 1812); and great-great-great grandfather **Michael Deibert Sr.** (LtCol. Pennsylvania militia in the American Revolution). In addition, his brother **Charles E. Deibert Jr.** served in the Pennsylvania National Guard; his sister, **Barbara L. (Deibert) Greenzweig** in the Army; his brother-in-law **Justin Greenzweig** in the Army in Vietnam; Barbara and Justin's sons, Michael's nephews, **Ryan Greenzweig** and **Ross Greenzweig** in the Army in Iraq.