

RANDY STILLINGER, LTC, USAR

MANAGER OF MILITARY AND VETERANS INITIATIVES, AMERICAN AIRLINES

Randy Stillinger serves as the Manager of Military and Veterans Initiatives for American Airlines with the primary responsibility of supporting military non-profit organizations and coordinating special events. Some of the organizations supported through his program include the Armed Services YMCA, Gary Sinise Foundation, USO, Elizabeth Dole Foundation and the Medal of Honor Foundation.



Mr. Stillinger utilizes the American Airlines fleet of aircraft to serve the military community through annual charter flights and historic missions. Among the unique charter flights he coordinates are Snowball Express, Soaring Valor, Salute to the Troops, and special missions taking veterans to our nation's capital, Normandy and Honolulu for the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Other responsibilities include the coordination of packing/delivering care packages to deployed service members, providing compassionate and emergency travel, military-related customer service and organizing veteran hiring initiatives. He works in conjunction with both internal and external communications to ensure that employees, customers and members of the communities American Airlines serves is aware of the many volunteer and support opportunities available. Most recently, Mr. Stillinger completed an 18-month project to design, paint and wrap Flagship Valor, a flying tribute to those who have received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor in combat.

Mr. Stillinger has over 27 total years of full and part-time military service and still serves in the U.S. Army Reserve at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He's an Army Aviator having flown both the AH-64 "Apache" and UH-60 "Blackhawk" helicopters but is now a Public Affairs Officer who currently works for the Army's Chief of Public Affairs at the Pentagon. His overseas deployments include Bosnia, Kuwait and a yearlong combat deployment to Iraq. Other missions took him to Afghanistan, Germany, Korea, Guatemala, Honduras, Egypt and several U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf.

While serving in the Texas Army National Guard, Mr. Stillinger was mobilized during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Harvey and deployed to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Other missions include the TexasMexico border, wildfires, and the recovery of Space Shuttle Columbia, which broke apart over Texas.

Mr. Stillinger is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where he received a B.A. in Political Science and an Army commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He lives in Keller, Texas with his wife, Sharon and two teenage daughters.