

BIOGRAPHY OF MARK JONES

Mark Jones grew up in a military family and turned to the Army's Airborne Rangers, initially to secure medical benefits for his wife and two children. His talent, ability and sheer dedication to his unit soon earned him the nickname "Ranger" among his comrades. But it was his sense of mission that led to his reputation as a go-to guy in the Rangers.

To this day, Mark "Ranger" Jones remains the only Airborne and High Altitude, Low Opening (HALO) jump-qualified cook in US Army history. In addition to serving in Desert Storm, Desert Shield and the Haitian Campaign, Ranger Jones went on to become the Senior Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Hugh Shelton. In this position, Ranger Jones performed duties in the performance of the office directives, which included providing strategic direction for the Armed Forces, serving as the principal military advisor to the National Security Council (NSC), preparing strategic plans for the Armed Forces, directing preparations of contingency plans, advising on programs, requirements and budgeting as well as developing joint doctrine, training and education. His US Army career is further characterized by more than 4,000 airborne jumps and jumping with former President Bush.

Following his retirement from the military, Mr. Jones established The Ranger Group, LLC. The Ranger Group is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVOB) Small Business and was created to provide distinctive business advice and comprehensive professional service and technical solutions and services for mission-critical facilities. Our strategy is to offer a suite of capabilities that address the entire project lifecycle, and to implement them with the highest level of excellence and client service.

"We have created a corporate culture that possesses the knowledge and experience necessary to exceed our clients' expectations. Our portfolio includes data centers, high security facilities, operation centers, "digital hospitals", community health information exchanges, trading floors, call centers, telecommunication switch sites, and broadcast facilities. Our clients range from financial institutions and investment banks to global telecommunication companies and major health systems."

Mr. Jones was most recently awarded the 2009 Minority Business Leader Award by the Washington Business Journal and in 2008 he received the "Volunteer of the Year" award by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the "Hardest Working Award" by Tom Joyner. In addition, Mr. Jones has appeared in the Veterans Business Journal discussing opportunities in the Federal Government for SDVOSBs and is currently assisting in a major ad campaign for the US Army in their recruiting efforts. Mark Jones also serves on the Board of Trustees at Fort Leavenworth, KS for the US Army Command and General Staff College as well as a Board Member for Salute America's Heroes Foundation and the Fisher House™ Foundation, an organization that shares his commitment to military and veterans' communities and their families. A Fisher House is a "home-away-from-home" for families of patients receiving care at major military and VA medical centers. Since its inception in 1990, the program has assisted more than 100,000 families by providing temporary lodging in a caring environment that allows military and veterans' families to face a medical crisis together.

Mark "Ranger" Jones continues to be a strong advocate for veterans and all men and women who serve our country. In his own words Mr. Jones describes his experiences as "living the dream."