

2019 NPHS Distinguished Alumni

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Tamara (Davis) Murphy Class of 1993

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tamara (Davis) Murphy is a 1993 graduate of North Platte High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the United States Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in 1997.

Tamara served as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) for most of her twenty-year military career, conducting and supervising felony-level criminal, fraud and counterintelligence investigations and operations. She graduated from the Advanced Foreign Counterintelligence Operations Course in 2002 and

Subsequently served first as the Chief of Counterespionage Operations on Yokota Air Base, Japan and then in several Headquarters AFOSI assignments overseeing counterintelligence investigations and operations worldwide. Tamara commanded at the detachment level twice; first at Keesler Air Force Base in

Mississippi and then at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. She deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2004 and to Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2006-2007, where AFOSI's mission was to obtain information on threats to U.S. Forces and to find, fix, track and neutralize enemy threats in hostile and uncertain environments.

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Air Force Commendation Medals, two Air Force Achievement Medals, the Air Force Combat Action Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal with three bronze campaign stars. She earned a Master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 2010 and completed Air War College in 2014. Tamara retired from the Air Force in 2017 and has nearly completed the requirements to transition to her second career as a Certified Financial Planner.

Tamara is married to Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Michael C. Murphy of Santa Monica, California. Tamara and Michael live in Alexandria, Virginia with their two dogs; Jake and Dixie.

