

**BIOGRAPHY  
OF  
DENNIS “MIKE” DUGGAN  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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**The son of school teachers in Hawaii, Mike Duggan graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1959 with a BS in Military Engineering. Commissioned in Infantry, Mike Duggan served for 25 years in a variety of command and staff assignments in airborne, Special Forces, and infantry units until his retirement in 1984 as a Colonel. Colonel Duggan served as a Basic Training Battalion Commander in 1975-1976. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and later was the Defense Attache' to the Republic of El Salvador in 1981-82. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal for bravery, three Bronze Stars, five Air Medals, Purple Heart, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Gold Medal from El Salvador, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.**

**Mike Duggan earned a Master's Degree in American Studies from the University of Maryland in 1972. Upon his military retirement, he served as an infantry and Airborne Advisor to the Nationalists Chinese Army in the Republic of China on Taiwan.**

**He began employment with The American Legion in 1986 as a National Field Representative with the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division. He was promoted to his current position with the National Security-Foreign Relations Division in March 1998.**

**He became a member of the General Claire Chennault Post #49 (“Flying Tigers”) on Taiwan and in 1986 he transferred to Post 105 in Bethesda, Maryland.**

**Mike Duggan is married, has two children and resides in Bethesda, Maryland.**