



City of Rockville – Memorial Day Grand Marshal Col. David M. Rhodes, United States Air Force (Retired)



David M. Rhodes has held a variety of civilian and military positions in his 40-year professional career. After graduating from the United States Air Force Academy, Rhodes served in the Air Force for 27 years, culminating in squadron and group command as well as leading the Department of Defense Task Force on the Response to Hurricane Katrina. Operationally, Rhodes served in various combat and leadership positions as an F-15 fighter pilot, squadron commander and NATO Deputy Operations Commander.

His Air Force assignments include five combat tours in Iraq, serving as a faculty member at the Air Force Academy and as a White House Fellow, assigned as a National Security Affairs Special Advisor for Global Issues to Vice President Al Gore.

The No. 1 graduate in his Air Force Academy class, Rhodes holds master's degrees as an Olmsted Scholar from the University of Konstanz in Germany and from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Following his military service, Rhodes led CSC's Federal Aviation Administration group and then CSC's Civil Group, overseeing 1,200 employees working across 25 federal and state agencies, culminating in overseeing a digital "tiger team" charged with standing up from scratch the successful FAA drone registration website in six weeks.

Rhodes is currently a vice president for McLean, Virginia-based MCR, leading MCR's Civil Programs business, supporting the FAA, NASA, Department of Homeland Security and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He also sits on the board of directors for the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, serves on his church council and participated on the procurement committee for the Rockville Solar Energy Co-Op.