

Ken Shook

Since his retirement from active-duty in 2014, Commander Ken Shook, JAGC, USN (ret) has worked as a financial advisor with First Command Financial Services and currently leads a team of eight advisors in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Ken's final active-duty tour as the Fleet Operational Law Counsel at US Fleet Forces Command and his prior JAG assignments include: Staff judge advocate for Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO, Personnel Law Branch Head at the Administrative Law Division (Code 13) of the Office of the Judge Advocate General; Individual Augmentee deployment with Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Officer in Charge of the Navy Legal Service Office Central, Branch Office Memphis; Station Judge Advocate for Naval Station Norfolk; and a tour at Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic as defense counsel and defense team leader.

In 1985 Ken enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Pennsylvania State University in 1989 and later that year was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Following flight training at NAS Pensacola, Florida, Ken was designated a Naval Flight Officer. From 1991 to 1994 he served as an F-14 RIO with VF-74. During that tour he deployed onboard the USS SARATOGA (CV 60) and attended the Navy's Fighter Weapons School, TOPGUN. From 1994-1997 Commander Shook was assigned to VF-101 as a flight instructor.

In 1997, Ken resigned his active duty commission, joined the Naval Air Reserves' TACTICAL CONTROL SQUADRON 2186 at NAB Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia and matriculated law school. In 2000 he earned his Juris Doctor degree from the College of William and Mary Law School and was admitted to the Virginia State Bar. Upon completion of his legal studies, he entered private practice with a law firm but returned to active duty in the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 2001. In 2010 he earned a Master of Laws degree in National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law from the George Washington University School of Law.

He remains a member of the Virginia State Bar Association in an inactive status. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the Supreme Court of Virginia, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

His personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), the Army Achievement Medal, and various unit awards and citations.

A native of Washington, Pennsylvania, Ken is married to Commander Colleen Shook, JAGC, USN (ret.), who now serves with the Office of General Counsel with NAVFAC MIDLANT. They have three children: Ryan, Emily and Kevin.