

Michael Morford – Bio

Michael Morford is the Co-Founder and the visionary of the base architecture for Sustainment Technologies Inc, an online software platform that efficiently connects the fragmented ecosystem of the US manufacturing industry with large scale buyers to enable efficient, secure, onshore, America-first supplier networks.

Michael spun Sustainment out of his portfolio holding company, VertiPrime Government Services, a company focused primarily on manufacturing structural airframe replacement parts for the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of fighter jets and long-range bombers.

Michael is co-lead of an on-going, multi-year academic investigation examining the applications of Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning within advanced manufacturing. He is a subject matter expert on multiple topics to includes Defense Policy as well as National Security implications to energy, water, and manufacturing. These strengths stem from his tenure as a Wall Street investment banker as well as a decorated U.S. Army logistics officer.

Michael is a former US Army Captain and disabled veteran of the Iraqi War. He served as a war-planner for the 377 Theater Support Command and is a 2001 recipient of the Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award presented by the Chief of Staff of the US Army.

In addition to the NDIA Lone Star Chapter Board, he is a Founding Board Member for the Oklahoma Defense Industrial Association (ODIA) and a National Security Fellow for the Truman National Security Project, a Washington DC-based think-tank focused on national security issues. A frequent guest lecturer, he has lectured at Georgetown University, Boston University, Oklahoma City University, and Tulane University as well as been published in the USA Today.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in engineering and a master's in business administration, both from Tulane University.