

LTC (Ret) Peter Seitz
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Peter Seitz was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in June 1971. He attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course and then Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida. In May 1973, he was designated a Naval Aviator and assigned to the Fleet Marine Force–Pacific as a CH-46 helicopter pilot. He served in multiple assignments in addition to his primary duty as a CH-46 pilot and participated in numerous deployments and operations until his separation from the Marines in November 1976.

In 1979, Seitz joined the California Army National Guard and was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry Regiment as a UH-1H helicopter pilot and Reconnaissance Platoon Commander, later serving as Executive Officer and Troop Commander. In May 1988, he was assigned to the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) at Los Alamitos as the Airfield Operations Officer and Airfield Commander. In 1998, he became the California State Aviation Operations Officer and later returned to command of the Joint Forces Training Base until his retirement in August 2001.

Seitz holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Davis, and an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. His military schools include the USMC Infantry Officers Basic Course, Naval Flight School, the U.S. Army's Armor Advance Course, the Defense Financial Management Course, and the Command and General Staff College.

Prior to his civilian retirement, Seitz worked in the food industry, specializing in sales management, marketing, and strategic planning with ConAgra, Hunt-Wesson Foods, Sunshine Biscuits, Leiner Health Products, and Fresh Food Concepts.

Pete is serving his fifth term as President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and has been actively involved in soldier and veteran support for the past 15 years. He chairs the Orange County Veteran and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) and serves on the Boards of Directors for the Veterans Legal Institute, Heroes Linked, and the Integrity Path.

He lives in Tustin with his wife of 55 years, Carol, and they have a daughter, a son, and two grandsons. Carol is a retired Health Sciences professor from Santa Ana College. Their son, Eric, is an Army Captain with the 4th Multi-Domain Task Force at Fort Carson, Colorado, and their daughter, Jamie, is a kindergarten teacher in the Tustin Unified School District.