

Michael T. Ruane

Michael T. Ruane was the Executive Director of the Monmouth County Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Services providing one-stop services to three under-represented demographic populations: the aging, the disabled, and the past, present, and future veterans of Monmouth County. Prior to being appointed to this position in 2012, he was the co-founder of The James Thomas Group (TJTG), a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, which did emergency management, counter-terrorism and force protection consulting. He has had over 30 years of intensive experience – both with TJTG and Fort Monmouth - in the counter-terrorism, emergency management, and Weapons of Mass Destruction arena. Ruane has written emergency operations, contingency, and continuity of operations/government plans and conducted numerous mass-casualty, hostage, terrorism and other exercises for Federal and local Government agencies and the private sector. A graduate of Seton Hall University, Ruane's civilian career has spanned the fields of human resources, resource management, and plans and operations. He also has had over ten years' experience as an employee relations and benefits manager as an Assistant Treasurer at Chase Manhattan Bank, an Assistant Vice President at the former Community State Bank, and at Fort Monmouth where he was also involved in many programs for veterans and the physically and mentally challenged.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations from both the public and private sector including the Chase Manhattan Bank Outstanding Citizen Award, the Knights of Columbus Patriot Award, the Seven Seals Award for support of the Guard and Reserves, and the Army's Superior Service and Commander's Awards and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Ruane received an ROTC commission at Seton Hall and served 30 years in the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve and retired in 1993 as a Colonel. An Infantry officer, he had over thirteen years of command time at the company, battalion and brigade level including commanding two Light Infantry companies in Viet Nam in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. Among his over twenty awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Ruane has been involved as a volunteer with the Information Age Science History Museum and Learning Center since 1995 and has been the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of InfoAge since 2006. InfoAge is a National Historic Landmark and New Jersey's WWII Living Memorial located in the former U.S. Army Evans Area in Wall Township. InfoAge is dedicated to the preservation and education of information age technologies as it honors the pioneers of communications, and through interactive hands-on displays and presentations, it inspires people-especially children - to learn about and appreciate information technology to improve their lives. Its mission is to preserve, educate and honor scientific innovation to inspire new generations of thinkers, dreamers and visionaries.

Ruane is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College and has received certifications for Total Quality Management, Mediation, and Risk Communications. He has extensive training in counter-terrorism and emergency management and is certified as a US Department of Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program "Train-the-Trainer".

Ruane has seven children and ten grandchildren. He lives in West Long Branch, NJ with his wife, Barbara, the President of TJTG and a former West Long Branch Borough Council President.