



Michael T. Ruane, COL, USA (Ret)

CEO and Trustee of InfoAge

Michael T. Ruane has been involved as a volunteer with the Information Age Science History Museum and Learning Center since 1995, has been on the Board of Trustees since 2001, the Chairman of the Board from 2006 until 2017 and the CEO since 2017. As the CEO, he works 20 paid hours per week and spends another 10-20 hours as a volunteer.

Ruane's civilian career has spanned the fields of human resources, resource management, and plans and operations.

He 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 that position in 2012, he was the co-founder in 2000 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. Immediately after 9-11, he organized the Fort Monmouth Community Force Protection Council, a group of over 40 military, law enforcement, and emergency management officials, whose purpose was to exchange intelligence and operational information regarding the terrorist threat.

From 1995 to 2001, Ruane was the Department of Defense's Base Transition Coordinator for Camp Evans. In this position, he served in multiple roles as the facilitator, coordinator, mediator, trouble-shooter, ombudsman and communication liaison between the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the United States Departments of Interior, Education, and Commerce, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, and a variety of state, county, and municipal offices, business and educational entities, citizen's group, and other impacted individuals and groups in the transfer of the US Army's Evans Area to the civilian community as part of the DoD 1993 Base Realignment and Closure. He facilitated the approval of the only Reuse Plan accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in almost two years; successfully wrote the Wall Township, NJ grant application to the Department of Interior, and the Brookdale Community College grant application to the Department of Education. He also brokered a winning agreement between Wall Township and Monmouth County; and was known as the "Mayor" of the Evans Area and the voice of the Army to the community. Concurrently, he served as the Fort Monmouth Deputy Chief of Staff, where he coordinated the development and defense of a \$420 million budget for the Chief of Staff's thirteen staff activities to include salaries, benefits, travel, training, contracts, automation and equipment. He also handled complex personnel and administrative matters for the Fort Monmouth Command Group.

Prior to that, he had assignments as the Chief, Operations Branch, Program, Analysis and Operations Division at the Communications and Electronics Command and as the Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at the Fort Monmouth Garrison where he was responsible for the planning, writing and conducting emergency management and counter-terrorism exercises. Among other duties, he supervised the planning and conduct of top priority, highly visible conferences, meetings and briefings for extremely high level US and foreign dignitaries. These included, among others, the Secretary of the Army, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Chief of Staff of the Army, German Ministry of Defense dignitaries, etc. For the week long 1994 Association of the United States Army "Digitizing the Battlefield" Conference held in Orlando, FL, he was the US Army's Operations Officer for all operations, administrative, and logistics aspects of the conference.

In addition, he 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 civilian 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.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Ruane received an ROTC commission and served 30 years in the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve. He 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 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 Council President.

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