

CHRISTOPHER G. CANTU



PROFILE

A life-long servant, Chris has spent his professional career dedicated to the betterment of others. The combination of a tireless work ethic, passion for excellence, & strong leadership have resulted in personal recognition, numerous awards, & organizational success. He has briefed members of Congress on Air Force (AF) budget issues, is a decorated commander & combat veteran of 3 major conflicts, who has flown 288 combat/combat support sorties during five deployments. His personal motto is Fortitudine Vincimus – by endurance we conquer.

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HOBBIES

Travel, restoration, reading, & gardening.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Kingsview Partners **Apr 2023 to Present**
Partner / Wealth Manager

Driven fiduciary advisor & attentive listener; delivers holistic financial solutions with a personal touch to help clients live their lives on their terms.

Edward Jones **Dec 2013 to Apr 2023**
Financial Advisor & Limited Partner

Trusted advisor for families & businesses; developed strategies based on client needs, risk tolerance, & time horizons to achieve short- & long-term goals.

- Top 3% of advisors for client satisfaction.

United States Air Force, Colonel/Aviator **1988 to 2013**
Director of Operations

Senior decision-maker for 80-member team executing 800+ global flights per day; allocated resources and directed operations based on strategic goals, dynamic environments, & customer requirements/timelines.

- Redirected 230 missions for 1,500 wounded patients—saved lives.
- Planned & executed timely return of slain U.S. Ambassador & detail.

Chief of Aircrew Training (HQ) & Commander

Led 156-person staff; established training policy/programs/development for 15,000 aviators flying 20 types of aircraft; \$820M in budget authority with executive oversight of headquarters' \$1.5B flying-hour program.

- Established AF's first consolidated Aeromedical Training Unit.

Deputy Group Commander

Second in command of 8 units, 1,450 personnel operating 52 C-130 aircraft.

- Led biannual team to 6 flying awards & Best C-130 Wing Trophy.
- Led \$19M Airfield upgrade under budget & on time—key to 2nd place Installation Excellence Award.

Commander

Led readiness, development, training, discipline, & morale for 250 personnel.

- Led AF's only airlift unit inside Iraq; reduced convoy reqmt, airdropped time-sensitive supplies to troops-in-contact, & medivac wounded.

EDUCATION & AWARDS

MA, Operational Art and Military Science, Air University, AL
MA, Computer Resources / Information Management, Webster University, MO
BS, Electrical Engineering Technology, Texas Tech University, TX

Five Star Wealth Managers in Texas (2025)
Edward Jones Client Service Award (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
Bronze Star Recipient (Iraq & Afghanistan campaigns)
Air Force Analytic Team of the Year
Air Mobility Command's Support Squadron of the Year (twice)
Airlift Tanker Association Young Leadership Award (Top 3 mobility officers)
AFROTC Distinguished Graduate (Top 10% of U.S. graduating seniors)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Texas Commission on Fire Protection **2021 to Present**
Commissioner (Governor appointed)

Catholic Charities of Central Texas **2015 to 2021**
Board of Directors & Treasurer

Texas Tech Military & Veterans National Alumni Chapter **2017 to 2018**
President