

Antonio S daRosa, CSM(R), USA

In 1975, Mr. daRosa immigrated from the Azores by way of Mozambique with his parents and 4 siblings. Growing up in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Tony became active in ROTC in high school and following graduation attended Norwich University. After completing two year at Norwich, Tony enlisted in the Army and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Louisville while stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Tony enjoyed a successful career in the U.S. Army and retired in 2005 at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He started his military career as a Cavalry Scout and ended it in the Recruiting Command. One highlight was managing the Army's then most successful recruiter who was the focus of the HBO documentary *The Recruiter* (2006) - Tony had a cameo appearance in the film as well.

His awards include: the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service medals; Army Commendation medals; Army Achievement medals; and the Parachutist badge.

In addition to his military accolades, Mr. daRosa actively pursued his education while serving and holds degrees in organizational management, organizational training & development and general studies. He is also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Additionally, Tony is fluent in European Portuguese and Brazilian Portuguese.

After retiring, Tony started a second career in higher education administration and currently works for Education Affiliates. As of April 2011, Tony lives in a suburb of Baltimore with his partner Liz. They are expecting their first child this fall.