



### **Mark W. House '80**

Mark is a 1980 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering with a concentration in aerospace engineering. He was a proud member of Company D-4 and played on the Team Handball National Championship Teams in '79 and '80.

Mark branched Field Artillery and served with the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a Master Parachutist and Army Ranger qualified. At Fort Bragg, Mark served as HQ battery commander, firing battery commander, and aide de camp for the deputy commanding general.

Mark began his commercial construction career in 1985 in Tampa, FL, with a regional general contractor. In 1989 he started a specialty contracting company providing general construction services and commercial floor coverings to hospitals, schools, and office buildings. The company grew rapidly and was listed in *Inc.* magazine's "500 Fastest-Growing Private Companies in America." Mark and his partners sold the company to Shaw Industries, a division of Berkshire Hathaway.

Mark is a managing director and partner for the Beck Group, a national construction firm he joined in 1999. He was responsible for developing the firm's new Integrated Services Division incorporating architecture and construction in Florida. While at Beck, Mark has served as the chief human resource officer at corporate headquarters in Dallas. He was responsible for all benefits, training, recruiting, compensation, personnel management, and leadership development. During his tenure in Dallas, Beck was selected for various awards honoring a quality work environment, including a ranking on *Fortune* magazine's "Top Places to Work" list. Later, Mark moved back to lead Beck Florida and was directly responsible for over \$1B in architecture and construction projects, from sports facilities to higher education academic facilities.

Mark has been involved with the West Point Society of Florida-West Coast since leaving active duty. He served on the Society Board of Directors and as past Society President. He has been honored with the "Florida West Coast Distinguished Graduate Award" for his service and still serves on the Society Board as a senior advisor. Mark has been a WPAOG Advisor at Large for nearly five years. During that time, he has served on the Governance and Board Affairs Committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and as Chair of the Thayer Award Nominations Task Force.

Mark has served on several nonprofit boards, including the Tampa Performing Arts Center, Zoo-Tampa at Lowry Park, past chairman of the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation, Center for Applied Engineering Board of Directors for the University of South Florida, and is the lead independent director for Hendry Marine Industries.

Mark and his wife, Karen, split their time between Tampa and Charlottesville, VA. They have two grown children and one granddaughter.