



Humanitarian Operations Protecting Elephants (H.O.P.E.)

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Desmond Rabinovitch- Senior Anti-Poaching Advisor

Desmond is a US Army veteran, biologist and wildlife conservationist. Born in Zimbabwe, Desmond holds dual Zimbabwean/US citizenship and devoted 5 years to the US Military, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Senior Sniper and Assistant Team Leader.

As Founder and CEO of Zimbabwe based Lat 8 Conservation Services, Desmond applies his experiences to support wildlife and land conservation projects with expertise in water, area and camp management, population and impact surveys and development of carrying capacity conclusions.

Robert C. - Senior Anti-Poaching Advisor

Robert is an active member of the US Military with over 38 months of service on active combat deployments. He is a former Army Airborne rifle squad leader and currently serves as a US Air Force Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) Specialist. Robert's experience encompasses both peace keeping and combat operations in Yugoslavia, Iraq and Afghanistan, including supporting and planning combat search and rescue and personnel recovery operations for conventional and special operations forces.

Erin McElveen - Director of Outreach and Communications

Erin is an experienced marketing and communications professional with an extensive background supporting commercial television networks and clients in the defense industry. She is a former newscast producer for KEY-TV in Santa Barbara, WWL-TV in New Orleans and WPTZ-TV in Burlington, Vermont.

Andrew Knaggs - Legal Counsel

Andrew is a former U.S. Army Special Operations Officer and attorney. His background as a Special Forces Detachment Commander for 5th Special Forces had a specialization in High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) airborne operations in the Persian Gulf and Central Asia. Andrew also served as Chief of both the Operations Support Branch and Research and Engineering Division of the Joint IED Defeat Organization and Deputy Director of the Special Operations and Irregular Warfare Directorate. He is a graduate of West Point.

Andrew is an established businessman, serving as Managing Director of Neptune Strategy, a boutique research and advisory services firm.

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