



Katie Bigelow is the founder of Mettle Ops. With the vision of Warfighters Serving Warfighters, this defense contracting company focuses on three primary competencies including program management, engineering, and business development. Katie launched her business in 2013 and now holds over \$13M in contracts that focus on materials and solutions for soldier survivability. Her nontraditional approach continues to redefine the government defense space.

For Katie's first entrepreneur effort, she led and owned Sterling Resumes as a freelance technical and professional writer. As an American Patriot, her passion was to help employ the unemployed.

Mrs. Bigelow served her country as a soldier for more than 10 years. As an Army Aviator, she piloted and commanded missions in Korea and Iraq as well as the United States. Katie spent the bulk of her aviation career as a medical evacuation pilot. It was an honor and privilege to carry injured American heroes from the battlefield to safety.

She graduated from Army flight school, Army Aviation Safety School, the Defense Language Institute, holds a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Ridge Aeronautical University, and an Associate of Arts in Foreign Language.

Katie's family motto is "Never Give Up". She and her husband, Mark, raise their own army of seven children in Sterling Heights, Michigan.