



Tim Gard, CSP, CPAE: Introduction Military and Government

Our speaker today (tonight) is someone who can find humor in almost anything even in Federal Service!

Tim spent the majority of his life in and around the government; having grown up as an Air Force brat and joining the Navy soon after his retiring father returned home from Vietnam in 1975. Upon leaving the Navy, he worked for 16 years in City and State government as a welfare fraud investigator, and then with USDA Food and Nutrition Service until 1994 when he began his speaking career.

Today, as a leading and recognized authority in stress reduction through humor, he speaks at over 100 events each year, from Sioux City to Singapore. Having authored and co-authored 4 books, Tim is a frequent guest on TV and radio talk shows discussing his keynote speeches, facilitation and consulting experience, as well as marketing his own line of stress buster reminders called Tim's Tools (*which you will see more of within moments!*).

Since the 911 disaster, he is dedicated to donating a portion of his time every month to government agencies like ours in order to demonstrate his personal commitment to one of our common goals: healing our nation.

Tim promises us that there will be *no* group hugs! Should you choose to talk with him when he requests audience participation, you will be rewarded with any one of the spectacularly unique gifts he has brought, which cannot found in your finer stores!!

Please join me in welcoming Tim Gard.