

FOUNDER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Rick Reese

Rick Reese is a retired United States Air Force officer whose forty-year career spans strategic planning, military systems programme management and acquisition, satellite launch and control operations, procurement, logistics, quality, software development and configuration and data management. At SPG he brings that operating discipline to onboarding, member records and billing, and he leads SPG's work in the areas below.

Rick's areas at SPG

Economic empowerment and social impact
Division V, ten verticals

Economic and community development
Verticals 33 and 39

Member organisations
Vertical 40, Member-Driven Coalitions and Cooperative Alliances

Veterans and military affairs
Vertical 35, Veteran and Military Enterprise Development

Travel and tourism
Vertical 42, Global Tourism and Travel

Marketplace ministry and nonprofit fundraising
Verticals 47 and 11, a commitment for the past 15 years

Air Force career

His Air Force experience covers aerospace and satellite operations, training, launch and control, military systems acquisition, logistics and development, including the GPS satellite and F-15 programmes. In 1989 he led the space operations team that launched the first GPS II navigation satellite.

1981
Plastics engineering graduate, University of Lowell

1989
Led the Air Force team that launched the first GPS II navigation satellite

2005
Appointed by United Way to lead Colorado Springs relief for 1,500 Katrina survivors

Sources: SPG executive profile (July 2026), Rick Reese (October 2026) and University of Massachusetts Lowell, "Engineering a Future for Students", 12 October 2022.

ROLE AT SPG

Founder and Chief Operating Officer
Onboarding, member records and billing, with operational follow-through across the platform.

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BACKGROUND

- Retired United States Air Force officer
- Plastics engineering graduate, University of Lowell
- Dual master's degrees in procurement and logistics
- More than two decades building an online travel business

BEYOND SPG

- Founder of the Calling-Based Leadership Institute and author of *Calling-Based Leadership*
- Colorado Springs city trustee with a long commitment to community development
- Founder and president of the Lowell chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (1978)