

JOSEPH “CHRONIX” VANDUSEN

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THE B-2 STEALTH BOMBER IS THE MOST FEARED INSTRUMENT OF STRATEGIC POWER ON EARTH. OVER ITS 29 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE, LESS THAN 600 PREEMINENT PILOTS HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED TO FLY THE TOP SECRET AIRPLANE. JOSEPH “CHRONIX” VANDUSEN IS #352. GROWING UP IN THE SMALLER MIDWESTERN TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN; HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR LIFE, BUT HE DREAMED OF FLYING AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND ONCE HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON THAT GOAL, THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK! HE GRADUATED FROM WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN JUNE OF 2005 WITH A DEGREE IN AVIATION FLIGHT SCIENCE. FROM THERE, HE JOINED THE AIR FORCE, EARNING THE “TOP GUN” AND “DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE” AWARDS FOR FINISHING IN THE TOP 10% OF THE CUTTHROAT, 52-WEEK AIR FORCE PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM. THE REWARD FOR TOP PERFORMANCE WAS HIS CHOICE OF ASSIGNMENTS AND THAT WAS TO PILOT THE MASSIVE KC-10 AERIAL REFUELING AIRCRAFT BASED OUT OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THERE, HE EXCELLED THROUGH 6 DEPLOYMENTS AND 122 COMBAT MISSIONS OVER IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN AND THE HORN OF AFRICA. OVER THE SHORT 4 YEARS, HE RAPIDLY PROGRESSED TO THE RARE TOP 30% OF KC-10 PILOTS; ELEVATING TO THE RANK OF INSTRUCTOR PILOT. SIMULTANEOUSLY, HE ASSERTED HIS LEADERSHIP ABILITY ON THE OFFICE SIDE OF THINGS. HE STOOD OUT AS A TRAINING OFFICER AND WAS SELECTED TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE SQUADRON COMMANDER.

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SEEKING A MORE CHALLENGING FLYING AND LEADERSHIP ENVIRONMENT, HE APPLIED AND WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE ULTRA-ELITE B-2 STEALTH BOMBER COMMUNITY. ALWAYS DRIVEN FOR EXCELLENCE AND BROADENING, “CHRONIX” FINISHED HIS MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE SPRING OF 2012 BEFORE REPORTING TO HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AT WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE IN KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI TO FLY THE MYSTERIOUS “STEALTH.” UPON ARRIVING, HE HIT THE “AIR.” THRIVING IN THE SUPER-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT; HE WAS NAMED 13TH BOMB SQUADRON PILOT OF THE YEAR IN 2014. IN 2015, HE CLIMBED HIGHER, BECOMING THE SQUADRON AIRCRAFT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR. MEANWHILE, ON THE OFFICE SIDE, HE DEVELOPED A TRUE PASSION FOR LEADING AND MENTORING AND WAS HONORED AS FLIGHT COMMANDER OF THE QUARTER 2 TIMES THAT SAME YEAR. THINGS WERE ON A ROCKET SHIP OF SORTS UNTIL LIFE CRUMBLLED. IN THE SPRING OF 2016, AS A NEWLY MINTED AND ELITE INSTRUCTOR IN THE B-2, HE SHATTERED HIS LIFE BY GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE.

NOT KNOWING WHICH WAY WAS UP, HE DECIDED TO SLOWLY BUILD HIMSELF INTO THE MAN, FATHER AND FUTURE HUSBAND HE WANTED TO BECOME. AFTER HAVING GREAT LEADERS WHO GAVE HIM THE TIME TO HEAL, HE WAS BACK ON FLYING STATUS AND PLACED IN CHARGE OF A FAILING BRANCH WITHIN THE STEALTH BOMBER WING.

AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WING SCHEDULING, THROUGH MUCH STRUGGLE AND FAILING FORWARD, HE WOULD TURN THE DETERIORATED \$170 MILLION A YEAR PROGRAM INTO A THRIVING \$220 MILLION POWERHOUSE OF PRODUCTIVITY. IT WAS THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE THAT HE DISCOVERED A GREATER PURPOSE IN LIFE. ONE OF HIS MENTORS AND LEADERS AT THE TIME, TOLD HIM: "CHRONIX, YOU NEED TO PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO GET YOUR STORY OUT THERE, TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE OVERCOME AND ACHIEVE;" AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE SET ABOUT DOING. HE LEFT THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE IN OCTOBER OF 2017 TO JOIN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD PART TIME, SO THAT HE COULD ALSO PURSUE A CIVILIAN AVIATION PATH. AS PART OF THE 217TH AIR OPERATIONS GROUP, HE FREQUENTLY SPENT TIME AT RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, GERMANY. THERE HE HAD THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF DETERRENCE PLANNING AGAINST WOULD BE ADVERSARIES IN EUROPE. HE REALLY ENJOYED "RATTLING THE CAGE" ON THE WORLD STAGE THROUGH PLANNING BOMBER EXERCISES IN THE MASTER AIR ATTACK PLANNING CELL OF THE 603RD AIR OPERATIONS CENTER. HE MOLDED NEW LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP NEW TACTICS FOR NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN THEATRE, WHILE ALSO FORMING MULTI-NATIONAL TEAMS OF COOPERATION ON A REGULAR BASIS.

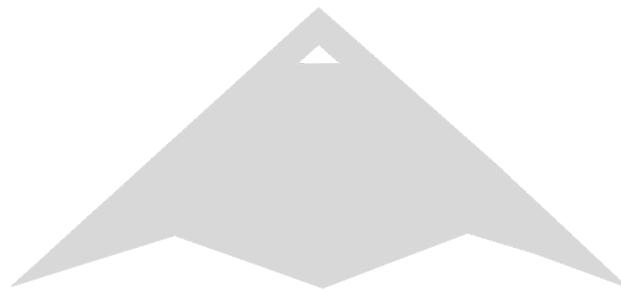
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IN JUNE OF 2018, WHILE SPLITTING HIS TIME BETWEEN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND HIS REGIONAL FLYING JOB, HE WAS HIRED AT A MAJOR AIRLINE AND QUICKLY PROGRESSED FROM FLYING DOMESTIC ROUTES TO ANOTHER DREAM GOAL OF FLYING THE 787 DREAMLINER TO AMAZING INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS!

THE PANDEMIC HIT IN EARLY 2020 AND JOSEPH WAS FACING A FURLOUGH SITUATION AT THE AIRLINE—NEVER DETERRED, HE CHOSE TO FINISH A BOOK HE HAD STARTED TO PARTIALLY FULFILL THE PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO HIS MENTOR. HE SELF-PUBLISHED "STEALTH ELEVATE" ON AMAZON AND THROUGH THE PROCESS, HE DISCOVERED HE COULD GROW A COMPANY FOCUSED ON HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE IN LIFE, LEADERSHIP, RELATIONSHIPS AND BUSINESS! AGAIN, WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, JUST LIKE HE HAD DONE IN EVERY OTHER CHALLENGE IN LIFE, HE TOOK ONE STEP FORWARD, LEARNED NEW SKILLS AND OPENED STEALTH ELEVATION LLC. NOW, HE IS FOCUSED ON NOT ONLY HIS FLYING CAREER,

**BUT ALSO HELPING OTHERS BECOME ELITE IN LIFE, LEADERSHIP,
RELATIONSHIPS AND BUSINESS!**

**HE MARRIED HIS SOULMATE IN 2021, BECAME THE BEST FATHER HE CAN BE;
AND PUT LIFE ON AN AMAZING TRAJECTORY! JOSEPH LIVES BY A MANTRA OF
BEING BETTER TODAY THAN YESTERDAY AND STEALTH ELEVATION IS
FOCUSED ON BUILDING UP THE THINGS BEHIND THE SCENES THAT NO ONE
ELSE SEES...THE HARD, SELF-DEVELOPMENT THINGS THAT WILL ENABLE
LEADERS IN LIFE AND BUSINESS TO ELEVATE TO AN OUTSIDE WORLD AND
BECOME ELITE! HIS MISSION IS NOT ABOUT HIM, IT'S ABOUT SERVING
OTHERS WITH UNIQUE KNOWLEDGE AND MENTORING...SO YOU SEE, THERE
REALLY IS ONLY ONE QUESTION...THAT IS—ARE YOU READY TO ELEVATE?**



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