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The Honorable and Brig. Gen (ret.) Allison A. Hickey

Veteran's Affairs Naples Beach Hotel, River of Grass Dining Room Friday, March 8, 2019



Allison Hickey is the president and CEO of All In Solutions, LLC, specializing in all areas of managed services and information technology.

Previously she served as the Undersecretary for Benefits in the Department of Veterans Affairs. In this position she led more than 21,000 employees across 56 regional offices in the delivery of eight non-medical benefit lines to more than 12 million veterans, service members, their families and survivors, with a budget of \$95 billion dollars. During her 4.5 year tenure she led a highly successful multi-billion-dollar

transformation effort to improve the quality and timeliness with which veterans' non-medical benefits are processed and delivered. A decades old backlog was reduced by 90% to the lowest in the history of the agency. She also led the creation of VA's new transition program for departing service members and expanded access to eBenefits.com allowing claims to be filed and tracked online.

Hickey, a pilot and aircraft commander, also has 27 years of leadership in the Department of Defense. She served as head of the Air Force's Future Total Force Directorate and as Assistant Deputy Director of Air Force Strategic Planning. Additionally, Hickey held the position of Air Force Future Concepts and Transformation Division Chief, focused on the integration of technologies, organization, and operations for the Air Force of 2025. Her private industry experience includes being an executive at Accenture working on 21st century information technology systems.

Hickey is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, the first class to include women. She holds a B.S. in Behavioral Science and a M.S. in National Security Strategy and is currently enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary's Masters of Divinity Program in Washington D.C. She also serves as Board Member of the Military Officers Association of America, Operation Finally Home Advisory Board and the "Get the Medications Right" Board of Directors.

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1998-1999 R. James Harvey physician and prolific researcher. His scientific work, using checklists to reduce catheter-related bloodstream infections, has saved thousands of lives and earned him accolades, including receiving a coveted MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" in 2008. This life-saving intervention has been implemented state by state across the U.S.

Guest Ticket Requests for March 8, 2019 The Honorable and Brig Gen (ret.) Allison A. Hickey

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Bret Baier

Anchor, Fox News Channel Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room Friday, March 22, 2019



Bret Baier currently serves as FOX News Channels' (FNC) chief political anchor of "Special Report with Bret Baier" (week nights at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.) the top rated cable news program in its time slot and consistently one of the top four shows in cable news. Based in Washington D.C., Baier joined the network in 1998 as the first reporter in the Atlanta bureau.

During the 2012 political season, he served as coanchor of FNC's America's Election HQ alongside Megyn Kelly. In addition, Baier provided extensive

coverage of the 2012 campaign cycle, anchoring Presidential and Vice Presidential debates, as well as the Republican and Democratic conventions. Baier also moderated FOX News Channels' five Republican presidential debates. Baier, Kelly and Chris Wallace anchored the three GOP debates for Fox News Channel in 2016 with the debate in Cleveland, OH reaching a record 24 million viewers.

During his tenure at the network, Baier has interviewed President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, former President Barack Obama, former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney. He has also anchored more than thirty political specials on FNC, reported from Iraq 12 times and Afghanistan 13 times, traveled the world with various administrations and military officials and reported from 74 countries. "Special Report with Bret Baier" was recently acknowledged by TIME magazine's Joe Klein as the only "straight newscast" in cable news at 6:00 p.m. Bret was recently awarded the 2017 Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism.

Prior to his anchor role, Baier was named chief White House correspondent in 2006 and covered the second term of the Bush Administration. Before that, he served as national security correspondent covering military and national security affairs, as well as defense, military policy and the intelligence community from the Pentagon.

As FNC's southeastern correspondent from 1998 to 2001, he covered a range of stories, including the 2001 Timothy McVeigh execution and the 1999 Elain Gonzalez

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Astronaut, Director
Future Total Force Directorate

story. He also provided a series of reports from Cuba and covered more than a dozen hurricanes.

Prior to joining FNC, Baier worked in Raleigh, NC (WRAL-TV), Rockford, IL (WREX-TV), Beaufort, SC (WJWJ-TV). A graduate of DePauw University, he has a B.A. in Political Science and English. He is also the author of three New York Tines best sellers, "Special Heart: A Journey of Faith, Hope, Courage and Love," "Three Days in January: Dwight Eisenhower's Final Mission," and most recently "Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagen and the Fall of the Soviet Empire."

Guest Ticket Requests for March 22, 2019 Brett Baier

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March 15, 2019

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