



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Mike Cox**

#### **Director, Communications and Media**

Mike Cox has been public relations professional with more than 38 years of experience with both Government and industry.

A graduate of the Ohio University School of Journalism, Mr. Cox was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1971. A career public relations officer in the Air Force, Mr. Cox served in a wide variety of commands at bases throughout the U.S., including duty on the Air Force Staff at the Pentagon. In addition Mr. Cox served in critical public and press relations assignments overseas during U.S. military operations in Grenada, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as well as Somalia.

During his final assignment with the U.S. Air Force, Mike was the Director of Public Affairs for the Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, IL, where he had global responsibility for all public and press relations involving AMC assets. He retired as a Colonel after 26 years of service.

After he left the Air Force, Mike joined Bell Helicopter as the Manager of Media Relations. He held positions of increasing responsibility finally becoming Vice President of Communications.

Mike left Bell in 2008 and started his own consulting firm focused on assisting aerospace companies with their Strategic Communications programs. Mike joined AVX Aircraft Company in 2010.