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Bob Hess was commissioned June 1982 as a Field Artillery Officer through the ROTC Program at Old Dominion University. In September 1983, Bob graduated from flight school as a UH-60A Blackhawk pilot, and transferred to Aviation Branch. During his 28 year career, Bob served in numerous positions overseas and in the United States including assignments in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC; 1-228<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, Republic of Panama (participated in Operation Just Cause); 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft Campbell, KY (participated in Operations Desert Shield/Storm); 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Hunter AAF, GA; and Chief, Joint Task Force Exercise Branch, US Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii. Following his tour in Hawaii, Bob served as the Commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, KY. He attended the Marine Corps War College at Quantico, VA where he received his Master's Degree, and following the War College, stayed to serve as the Senior Army Faculty Advisor for the President of Marine Corps University. Bob's next assignment was with V (5<sup>th</sup>) Corps Headquarters, Heidelberg, Germany where he deployed with the Corps Headquarters to Iraq as the Director of Plans and Policy, Multi-National Corp-Iraq. Upon redeployment from Iraq, Bob was assigned as the Chief of Plans, US Army Europe where he served until assuming his duties as Commander, US Army Aeronautical Services Agency, Ft Belvoir, Va. Bob retired from the Army in February 2011 and joined MCR LLC as a Senior Staff Advisor for the Director of Unmanned Warfare, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon. Bob has since been promoted twice and is currently the Director of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Engineering supporting the US Army's Project Office for Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Huntsville, Alabama.

Bob has been married to his wife Laura for 32 years. Their son Patrick and his wife Shelby live in Spotsylvania, Va.

Bob and Laura are also the parents of 1LT Robert Joseph (RJ) Hess who was killed-in-action on 23 April 2013 while serving with Task Force Knighthawk, 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Brigade, at Forward Operating Base Shank, in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. RJ is buried in Section 60, Arlington National Cemetery. He joins his Grandfather and uncle who are buried in Section 66.