



## David Blades, CFO

Mr. David Blades is the CFO and a Co-Founder of PanCanal Alumni Association. He is committed to managing all the financial matters of the organization prudently and leading the organization in achieving its financial and fundraising goals. David was born, raised, and resided in Pedro Miguel on the Former Canal Zone. He is an Alumni of Paraiso/Balboa High School Class of 1978. Upon graduating, he traveled to the U.S. and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Staff Support Administration. Today, David is honored to reunite with his high school classmates to form an elite organization that will provide charitable services to the community and make positive changes in the lives of the less fortunate.

David is presently a Houston Police Officer, performing duties as Patrol Officer assigned to the North Division in Houston, Texas. Prior to working for the Houston Police Department, he served in the Air National Guard as Master Sergeant. Prior to the National Guard he served in the United States Air Force for 16 years as an Information Manager and left the Air Force as a Technical Sergeant. During his tenure in the Air Force, David had an opportunity to return to Panama in 1981 in a Military Capacity and was assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, Howard Air Force Base, Panama. He was responsible for managing large budgets and accounts receivables for the Air Force. It is noteworthy to mention that David was also assigned to the 401st Services Squadron at Torrejon Air Base in Spain in an administrative capacity to the Search and Recovery Team. As a board member, along with The Commander (usually a Colonel), a Pilot, an Engineer, Doctor, they came together to help reconstruct and find the cause of any aircrafts mishaps within the region. He was also stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California as an Admin Executive, 6519 Tactical Squadron, and the B-1B (Bomber) Combined Task Force. David holds a certification in Occupation Health and is a graduate from the Houston Police Academy. He is also bilingual, fluent in English and Spanish.

David is happily married and loves traveling and embracing different cultures. He was also finally able to pursue his love for football while he was stationed in Spain. He tried out and made the base team "Torrejon Raiders" and started as a cornerback. His team competed against several teams and traveled to various bases in Germany and Holland.