

Kate Midden, MSCCN Gateway Manager



Air Force spouse Kate Midden's entire life has been associated with the military. Born into an Army family, Kate traveled the US and the world as a "brat" before marrying an Army corporal and becoming an Army spouse.

Kate started her working career as an administrative assistant before moving into advertising and marketing sales. It took her nine years to receive her college degree, while working full-time and raising two children. At the age of 25, Kate started her career in high tech sales working for Digital Equipment Corporation, the world's second largest computer company. When her husband was PCS'd to Florida, she joined a start-up software company and found her niche – new business development. For the next 16 years, Kate worked in high tech sales and business development, helping to start two companies and lending her expertise to four others. She won numerous sales and leadership awards during this period in her career and made sure her children not only went to college, but to law school and grad school.

She broke family tradition (four of her brothers are also Army members) when she married her second husband, an Air Force aviator. Her new husband transferred to Moody Air Force Base in 2003 and Kate couldn't find a job...any job.

She re-invented herself, embarking on a marketing career for a variety of businesses and freelance writing by publishing articles on subjects from parenting to "keeping the home fire" alive for magazines including Cosmopolitan and Parents. She also found great joy in volunteering – leading the Moody Air Force Base Relay for Life team in their effort to raise \$35K for the American Cancer Society, developing the base welcome package for new spouses, and teaching reading and math skills to disadvantaged youth.

Kate started working in MSCCN Corporate Development in March 2008. In May 2009 she moved to her current position of Gateway Manager. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to help other spouses, because she has experienced first-hand the frustrations and self-doubt that develop during a long job search. She knows how amazingly talented military spouses are and is very excited about having the opportunity to take this message to corporations interested in hiring military spouses and supporting military families. Kate believes every day at MSCCN offers a new challenge and a new opportunity, providing rewards greater than any she has ever received.