

Angela Billings

Veteran, crisis communicator, public speaker, and entrepreneur

Angela Billings, US Air Force veteran, strategic communicator, entrepreneur, and speaker, has performed in many high-profile positions while serving in the Air Force, including communicating internationally in Germany, Korea, and Afghanistan, and as the senior Air Force representative in New York City.

Angela recognizes the power of words, how they create possibilities and achieve business goals. As an entrepreneur, strategist, and business leader, she is a master communicator who has coached military officers, corporate executives and political leaders and was an Air Force spokesperson for over twenty years.

She has prepared clients for media interviews and congressional testimony in the United States, Germany, Korea, and Afghanistan. A powerful speaker, Angela provided operational updates to military and civilian leaders from the thirty-two contributing nations of NATO's International Security Assistance Force in London in 2007. She provided leadership and communication training to Republic of Korea officers while at United States Forces Korea, Seoul, Korea.

Angela was instrumental in the German Ministry of Finance infusing 25 million euros into stalled construction on the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center and managed the public elements in the aftermath of that crisis first exposed on the CBS News show *60 Minutes*.

From Germany, Angela deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, and served as the international media chief and spokesperson for NATO's International Security Assistance Force. She managed an international team of communicators and provided daily press updates in an active war zone.

Angela is a diplomatic communicator with firsthand experience crafting language that conveys important details while still protecting classified and sensitive information. Her approach is to engage early and often in public spaces. In her view, it is far better to tell your story and manage the narrative than have someone else tell your story.

This active yet measured approach has helped Angela weather the toughest of public relations storms: the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon, airplane crashes, base closures, force reshaping, unit deployments, troops in contact, and downed helicopters in combat against the Taliban.

After more than twenty-two years in the Air Force, Angela retired from active-duty service. Since then, Angela has worked with the University of Louisville and Frazier Rehab, Flaget Memorial Hospital Foundation, Visually Impaired Preschool Services, and the Jefferson County Republican Party. She is currently the director of communication for the Kentucky Senate Majority.

She started her business, The Virago Circle, in October 2020, and speaks to leaders about effective crisis management. Angela lives in Louisville, Kentucky, with her husband, Greg, and daughters Annaliese and Isabel.

