

Angela Billings

Veteran | Crisis Communicator | Keynote Speaker | Entrepreneur

Angela Billings, a U.S. Air Force veteran, strategic communicator, entrepreneur, author, and TEDx speaker, has held 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. As an entrepreneur, strategist, and business leader, Angela has coached military officers and executives and was an Air Force spokesperson for over twenty years.



Angela has prepared executives for media interviews and congressional testimony in the United States, Germany, Korea, and Afghanistan. She served as international media chief and spokesperson for NATO's International Security Assistance Force. A powerful speaker, Angela provided operational updates to military and civilian leaders from the thirty-two contributing nations in London in 2007. She managed an international team of communicators and provided daily press updates in an active war zone. She provided leadership and communication training to Republic of Korea officers at United States Forces Korea in Seoul.

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, which was first exposed on the CBS News show 60 Minutes.

Angela is a diplomatic communicator with firsthand experience crafting language to convey essential details while protecting classified and sensitive information. Her approach is to engage early and often in public spaces. In her view, managing the narrative is better than having someone else tell your story for you.

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. Since then, she 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 and was recently named one of The Kentucky Gazette's 2023 Most Notable Women In Kentucky Politics and Government.

She started her business, The Virago Circle, in October 2020 and speaks to leaders about effective crisis management. Angela delivered her first TEDx talk entitled ***Under Attack: Liberation From Bullets to Bombs*** where she presents her personal 9-11 experience drawn to the current plight of Afghan women forbidden from attending school or working outside the home. Her first book, ***Command the Crisis: Navigate Chaos with Battle-Tested Public Relations and Communication Strategies***, is now available on Amazon. Angela lives in Louisville, Kentucky, with her husband, Greg, and daughters Annaliese and Isabel.

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