



In 1980, Mike's life changed forever: he met his wife, Liz! She came to work for him as an agent and became the top producer. Mike credits Liz for his success in real estate; he couldn't have done it without her. They fell in love, and were married in 1981. The following year, their first daughter, Eleni, was born. Mike and Liz had two more children over the next few years, their son Anthony and their daughter Victoria.

They raised their three kids in the Greek Orthodox Church and taught them about their heritage. Two years ago, the Frangadakis family had a huge reunion with about 50 family members. They went back to the village in Crete where Mike's grandparents came from. Mike and Liz enjoy traveling, and their kids loved going on ski trips growing up.

Eleni is a real estate stager and salesperson and is married to her husband, Brett Cavanagh. They just had a son, Cash Warren, on April 10th this year -- Mike and Liz's first grandchild! Anthony is a chef, and Victoria is a nurse and is getting married to her fiancé Aaron, a paramedic.

When the war in the Middle East started, Mike heard that the State Military Reserve, which supports the National Guard, was looking for veterans with medic training. Mike reenlisted in 2004, and has been active with the State Guard ever since. He is now a Command Sergeant Major stationed at San Jose Armory and Moffett Field. As part of his duty as a state guardsman, Mike is involved in the Emergency State Active Duty Team, including fighting wildfires.

Additionally, Mike is still involved with Fisher House at the Palo Alto VA Hospital, and serves as the Santa Clara County Commissioner for Veterans Affairs. He has also stayed very involved with the Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose since he moved to the South Bay as a kid. He has been a Sunday School teacher for 36 years. He has also been a Rotarian since 1978. Furthermore, Mike is still active in real estate, doing appraisals and sales with CSR Realtors, where he still has his real estate license. Liz is semi-retired, but still assists Mike with real estate and is also very involved with the church.

At a town council meeting over seven years ago, Mike pointed out that Los Gatos didn't have a veterans memorial, and they commissioned him to form a board. Mike formed a great board and found many wonderful donors, and is so proud of the way that people in town stepped up to turn the memorial into a reality. Amazing people including Ellen Manzo have led to the success of the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation. With the dedication on June 15th, the Flame of Liberty veterans memorial is a jewel in the town's crown, and something Mike anticipates people traveling to see and appreciate.

The work is only just beginning for the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation. The memorial is phase one, and going forward, the Foundation will support veterans groups, Wounded Warriors projects around the Silicon Valley, and the Palo Alto VA. The memorial will hopefully raise awareness of these veterans groups that still need ongoing support.

