

Mr. Eugene Franks

Mr. Eugene Franks was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He participated in the St. Louis Magnet School program in elementary school and the St. Louis volunteer desegregation program in high school. In 1989, he graduated from Lafayette High School in Ballwin, Missouri. After graduating, Mr. Franks entered the US Navy through the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training Program. After completing this one-year program, Mr. Franks was awarded a 4-year Navy Reserve Officer Training Scholarship. He then enrolled at Miami University (Ohio) where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After completion of college, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy.

While in the Navy, Mr. Franks has served in a variety of positions throughout the world attaining the rank of Commander. While stationed in Hawaii, he attended the University of Hawaii-Manoa and received a Master of Arts in Political Science. Additionally, he attended Trident University's online program and earned a Master of Arts in Business Administration. In 2012, Mr. Franks returned to the St. Louis area and settled in Ferguson because of its quiet neighborhoods and great reputation. He currently works for the Military Sea Lift Command at Scott Air Force Base, as a logistics planner. Additional professional affiliations include Project Management Institute Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter, St. Louis Navy League, the Surface Navy Association, Faith Church Saint Louis Volunteer Team and the Ferguson Civilian Review Board. Mr. Franks also holds the Project Management Professional certification. Dedicated to lifelong learning, he has completed two master's degrees and more than 20 military courses. Mr. Franks joined the UM extension council because he wanted to work to bring alternative education choices to citizens of St. Louis county.