

# Karl Spinnenweber

## Outstanding American

Karl Spinnenweber, a high-ranking executive and outstanding wrestling coach, is from Pasadena, MD, the son of Harry and Gerry Spinnenweber and brother to Bob and John. He wrestled on championship high school teams under his mentor, Ed Gilson. At the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy he was two-time captain and an outstanding wrestler for the Sea Eagles, graduating with a BS in Marine Engineering. He obtained an MS in Fluid Mechanics and Thermal Sciences from the George Washington University, followed by an MBA from Duke University.

Karl has applied this wide-ranging knowledge and the discipline of over 40 years as a wrestler and a coach to rise to a high level as a senior business executive. Beginning in 1984 as a Marine Engineer, he has held ever-more-demanding positions in various engineering firms, among them: Program Manager for Advanced Marine Enterprises; Department Manager for Nichols, Inc.; and a 13-year tenure as Computer Sciences Corporation, at which he advanced to Vice President and General Manager of the Army Division Defense Group. Currently, he is Executive Vice President and General Manager of AECOM/URS, a Fortune 500 engineering and construction company with one billion dollars of annual revenue and 7,600 employees.

Despite this stellar career in the worlds of business and national defense, he points to his coaching as perhaps his “greatest contribution.” After four years as an assistant wrestling coach at Oakton HS, he took on the head coaching position in 1989 at Herndon HS, where with Steve Sabo he built a superlative program. His teams won 10 district and 4 regional championships, producing 51 district, 25 regional, and 7 state champions in 14 years. He will always be grateful for the chance to have a “positive influence” on the lives of many wrestlers, and for the friendship of coaches and contributors to wrestling. “Coach Spin” is a charter member of the Herndon HS Athletic Hall of Fame, inducted in 2014.

Karl has been married to Lisa for 25 years. They have three lovely daughters:  
Julia, Emma, and Bailey.