

Joseph Sobodowski, Air Force

Mr. Sobodowski serves as the CEO of SmartFleet, Inc. and Fleet Engineering Inc., both Florida based, privately held engineering firms. SmartFleet provides virtual based, fleet management systems to the automotive fleet industry and has partnered with the fourth largest oil company in the world. Fleet Engineering designs biomedical equipment and systems. Sobodowski holds multiple U.S. and foreign patents, and has an extensive background in advanced logic and microprocessor system design.



Sobodowski serves as an Associate Director at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and provides patients and hospital staff with Chaplaincy services. He has also served as a full time Pastor in Alabama and Florida and part-time Pastor in Kentucky and Illinois.

Joe is passionate about his involvement with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Florida State University because he believes that philanthropy coordinated through the TMH Foundation and FSU Foundation in support of the College of Medicine and Veteran's Center is a wise investment in the future of our Community

He is a 12 year Viet Nam era US Air Force Veteran. His assignments included support of Military Flight Operations through his Weather Equipment Maintenance expertise. He was assigned as NCOIC of Maintenance for the Weather Detachment at Fort Knox, Kentucky with less than two years of Military Service and was selected to attend the Advanced Weather Equipment Technician School with less than three years Military Service. Upon graduation, he was assigned Instructor Duty and subsequently honored as the Enlisted Instructor of the Year (1970) for Chanute Air Force Base (Rantoul, Illinois) and is proud to serve on the Florida State University Veteran's Legacy Center Board

Sobodowski also owns an Art Gallery and Photography Studio and serves on the Board of Directors for The Artist Series, a Tallahassee based, not-for profit organization that presents Classical Music Concerts featuring internationally renowned artists.

He is a retired educator with more than 33 years of experience, including assignments as a Visiting Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Technology at Florida International University and as an Adjunct Professor and full-time Electronics Technology faculty at Miami-Dade Community College. He implemented an innovative engineering program whereby Southwest Miami High School students were integrated into third and fourth year engineering classes with regular university students and were able to graduate high school with an aggregate 27 transferrable semester credits from Florida International University and Miami-Dade Community College. The program was the only one of its kind in the United States.

He was asked by the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools to serve as the Director of Workforce Development. He was responsible for drafting new and analyzing proposed education related federal/state legislation, develop lobbying strategies and advise executive management regarding the operational impact of proposed initiatives on the school district. He worked collaboratively with state and district personnel in the development and implementation of administrative and fiscal policies, legal and budget documents, as well as

writing and coordinating federal/state grants in support of economic development and school district involvement with business and industry as it related to the State of Florida Performance-Based Incentive Funding System and Workforce Development.

His career as an educator also included being faculty at Florida State University's Developmental Research School where he implemented an award winning engineering program. His students were taught third year; Civil Engineering courses in Land Surveying and Introduction to Structures, Electrical Engineering courses in Network Analysis and Digital Design, and he developed a partnership with Flightline (a major Fixed Based Operator at Tallahassee International Airport) where students were taught Pilot Ground School coursework and aircraft ground operations. Students operated live aircraft. This unique program also was the only one of its kind in the United States.