

**Tim Gard, CSP, CPAE:  
Introduction  
Military and Government**



Our speaker today (tonight) is someone who can find humor in almost anything... even in Federal Service!

Tim spent the majority of his life in and around the government; He grew up as an Air Force brat and joined the Navy soon after his retiring father returned home from Vietnam in 1975. After leaving the Navy, he worked for 16 years in City and State government as a welfare fraud investigator, and then with USDA Food and Nutrition Service until 1994 when he began his speaking career.

Today, Tim is a recognized and leading authority in stress reduction through humor. Traveling over 150,000 miles annually, he speaks at over 100 events each year, from Texas to Tasmania. Having authored and co-authored several books, Tim is a frequently invited guest on TV and radio talk shows to discuss his keynote speeches, facilitation and consulting experience, as well as his own line of stress buster reminders called Tim's Tools (*which you'll see more of within moments!*).

Since the 911 disaster, Tim has donated a portion of his time every month to government agencies like ours in order to demonstrate his personal commitment to one of our common goals: healing our nation.

In addition to being a Certified Speaking Professional, Tim was given the CPAE designation in 2006 and inducted into the Speaker Hall of Fame!

He promises there will be *no* group hugs! Should you talk with him when he requests audience participation, you'll be rewarded with any one of the spectacularly unique gifts he has brought - gifts that cannot be found in the finer stores!!

Please join me in welcoming Tim Gard.