



Kevin McDermott **Vice President of Business Development**



Kevin McDermott is one of the founders and Vice President of Business Development of Patriot Taxiway Industries. He provides leadership, vision and management expertise in the area of lighting product development, project management and corporate strategic planning. McDermott is responsible for developing and leading the execution of Patriot's business strategy including sales/marketing initiatives, channel development, and strategic partnerships. He brings over 25 years of product development experience, project management knowledge and hands on product qualification testing know how to aerospace and military standards.

McDermott served over 24 years in the Wisconsin Air National Guard as a Avionics Guidance and Control Craftsman for the KC-135 Stratotanker at 128th Air Refueling Wing. During his military career, McDermott has deployed supporting major military operations including Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Hope (Somalia), Bosnia, Noble Anvil (Kosovo), Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. He has been awarded the Presidential unit citation with Valor (as part of the 128th Air Refueling Wing), the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

McDermott is a member of Society of Aerospace Engineers (SAE) and contributor to G-20 Airfield lighting standards committee. Kevin is a standing member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

McDermott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, Master Certificate in Project Management at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.