

AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES

# KIDS RUN



## YOUR EVENT TEAM

### AMY HITE • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Role:** Executive Director (Starting January 2025)

**Responsibilities:** Primary contact for Army and Navy installations for the May Run. Amy, a Doctor of Physical Therapy and former college basketball player at St. Martin's College, brings over 12 years of experience in the running industry. She is also a co-owner of Negative Split Running Company.

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360-269-7203 (Pacific Time Zone)

### MIKE ERWERT

**Role:** Co-Founder • Board Member  
**Responsibilities:** Managing Air Force base events, FedEx Government Contracting, and event logistics for materials and shipping by April 18, 2025. Mike has dedicated 21 years to military children and 25 years to Junior Bloomsday in Spokane, WA.

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 509-220-0145 (Pacific)

### DAN PETEK

**Role:** Co-Founder • Board Member  
**Responsibilities:** Event materials design, press releases, and sponsorships for JBLM, Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Schofield Barracks. Contact Dan for graphics needs.

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### JENNIFER BAHNEMAN

**Role:** Web Director  
**Responsibilities:** Website management and online registration inquiries.

Jennifer has been managing the website since 2003.  
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### RYAN HITE

**Role:** Board Member  
**Responsibilities:** Overseeing 130+ running events annually, including JB San Antonio events and Army Health initiatives. Ryan is a co-owner of Negative Split Running Company, holds a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, and previously worked at Gonzaga University's U District PT.

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### RYAN ERWERT

**Role:** Board Member  
**Responsibilities:** Founder of the Nepal Youth Development Project, which supports girls' education in Tadi, Nepal.

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## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**MIKE ERWERT**  
 • CHAIRMAN CO-FOUNDER

A funny thing happened in 1984. In the excitement of a Spokane local run of 40,000+ runners (Bloomsday), Mike Erwert had a idea---create a run just for kids! In two years he fostered the largest kids run on the planet, Earth. Today it is called America's Armed Forces Kids Run with 1/2, 1 and 2-mile runs on 150 Air Force, Army, and Navy Installations each May worldwide! 20,000 to 23,000 Military Children participating in Kids Runs, Color Runs, and Glow Runs each year.

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**DAN PETEK • CO-FOUNDER**  
 Someone has to share the Mike's load and design shirts, posters, & write words like these. Dan Petek is the solid right arm of America's Armed Forces Kids Runs. Need graphics. Contact Dan.

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**RYAN ERWERT**  
 • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**NEPAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
 Ryan founded NYDP to help youth taught during his Peace Corp work in Nepal. His ongoing commitment continues to Nepalese youth today.

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**RYAN HITE**  
 • CHIEF ENDURANCE OFFICER

Ryan and wife Amy started Negative Split in 2012 out of a passion for fitness. On any day you'll find him with a traffic cone in one hand and coffee in the other (perhaps in the thro's of a triathlon.)

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