

## GROWING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Delta Force, a proven and effective leadership program, is designed to empower diverse individuals of our community with the knowledge, skills and inspiration to successfully assume effective leadership roles in Delta County. The program also develops a collective resource and problem solving network to help address community needs, today and in the future.

The growth and prosperity of our community is closely tied to the quality and commitment of our next generation of leaders; the individuals who are needed to serve on boards, commissions, in community groups and in elected positions. This kind of leadership talent must be sought out, nurtured, and given the tools to lead successfully. Through Delta Force, a 10-month program supported and sponsored by many community organizations, those resources will be cultivated. Over the past fourteen years, more than 200 students have graduated as more informed and capable leaders who are committed to using their talents to help develop our community.

Our challenge to you is to identify emerging leaders then encourage and support their participation in the program. Following an inspirational kick off in mid-February, ten subsequent all-day sessions will be held one or two days per month through October. The program, now in its 15th year, will conclude with the graduation ceremony at the Chamber's 2018 Annual Dinner.

The primary focus of Delta Force is personal leadership skill development, quality of life issues related to education, public safety, criminal justice, economic and community development, local government, state and federal government and the political process and media communications.

All of the sessions are designed to be highly interactive and thought provoking. A typical day will involve a combination of group discussions, field trips and presentations by respected local leaders. Sessions will be held in locations appropriate to the topic. The instruction will not reflect any one solution or political viewpoint, but rather will present varied and diverse approaches to problem solving and dispute resolution.

We want our community to find and develop more than one leader at a time so begin thinking about members of the community who will benefit from the leadership program and encourage them to complete the enclosed applications. Applications will be accepted through January 13th.

Who benefits from the Delta Force program? Obviously the program participants as they learn to identify additional opportunities to influence positive change and impact quality of life, but so, too, does our waterfront community with the increased involvement of the soaring eagles of Delta Force.

**Please nominate or encourage your soaring eagle to get involved in Delta Force.** Our waterfront community will be a better place to live and work because of your commitment to the program!

For program application visit [DeltaMi.org](http://DeltaMi.org)

Delta Force Class of 2018 is now being selected. Please see the application below and consider giving the gift of great leadership to Delta County. Applicants will be selected on the basis of community involvement, career background, work experience, motivation, attitude and leadership potential.

The objective of Delta Force is to identify participants with potential for community leadership; acquaint these leaders with community issues, resources and opportunities; increase the leadership skills of program participants; provide participants with opportunities to network and exchange ideas with each other and community leaders; assist participants in finding volunteer roles in the community; and encourage graduates to continue their involvement by participating in community service programs.

Delta Force is a series of ten full-day sessions and two evening events covering such areas as education, social needs, personal skills, and key segments of our community.

Each day is designed to be highly interactive and thought provoking. A typical day involves a combination of group discussions, field trips and presentations by respected local leaders. The session dates are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of each month. For more information please call the Delta County Chamber of Commerce, 786-2192.

\* \* Registration Fee is \$425 (will include Dinner fee) ~ Application Deadline is January 13th, 2018\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education** (List High School, College (s) business or professional training)

Name and City of School	Dates (From- To)	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Extracurricular activities, special awards or honors :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment**

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the full support of your employer to be release from work on all the days required for participation in the Delta Force Leadership Mission? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (no)

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far? \_\_\_\_\_

**Organizations and Activities** (Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you are or have been a member)

Organization	Approx Dates of Membership	Position/ Office held
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

What have you accomplished in these activities that you think is important? \_\_\_\_\_

How much time each month do you currently commit to community, civic, professional, or other organizations?

\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate your jacket size, so we can order it at this time. \_\_\_\_\_