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Jim entered West Point from Decatur GA. He graduated in 1987 and commissioned in Infantry. He joined the FBI in 1991. He rose quickly to become Special Agent-In-Charge for the NY Hudson Valley. There he took on the challenge of bringing help to a gang and drug infested city with one of the highest crime rates in NY state – Newburgh NY. In that role, he has brought to justice some of the city's most notorious gangs and criminals including the Bloods and the Latin Kings. For more than 11 years, he has also been coach and mentor to large groups of kids (many of whom have been touched by violent crime) at the Newburgh Boys and Girls Club. His amazing work has been recognized by news organizations like NBC (video link: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/FBI-Agent-Helping-To-Save-Children-of-Newburgh-118789319.html>). He has impacted the lives of many like his "son" Michael McLeod (#4 in the photo). Jim says of him, "Michael is doing amazingly well at Brooklyn's ASA Jr College and has one more year to secure a potential Div. I college basketball scholarship and gain a 4-year degree. Michael came to see me today at my home. We took a long walk-talk. Hearing him now...bereft of the "street" and the "nonsense"...I couldn't be more proud of the finest basketball player I ever coached...and a damn good young man he's become."