



Mark "Vinny" Gallagher is a Captain/Check Airman at Southwest Airlines. A 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, he served 21 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1999. During his AF career, Vinny was an instructor pilot in the T-37, T-38, and the F-4. He was fortunate to fly the F-4 in the Pacific, Europe, and the U.S., and in 1991, deployed to Desert Storm, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. Vinny held various Command positions including command of a T-38 squadron at Reese AFB, TX, and Group Air Officer Commanding at the Academy. He's been at Southwest for nearly 20 years, and has volunteered at Tri-Lakes Cares since 2012.

Vinny has been married for almost 40 years to his wife, Gail. They have a daughter Kate (deceased 2012), and a son Dan. Vinny and Gail live in Woodmoor.