



## Noel T. (Tom) Jones

**Lt General (USAF Retired)**

**Senior Consultant, RWB Aerospace Professionals**

Career in the USAF spans more than 35 years with assignments in Europe and Africa, as well as domestically. Prior to retirement, was the Vice Commander of US Air Forces in Europe and Africa and had led organizations ranging in size from 300 to 35,000. Currently serves as a Senior Mentor for the Air Force, one of a very select few who were chosen to do so. In that capacity he provides advice to the most senior leaders of the USAF. He also provides outstanding expertise as a consultant to defense contractors in strategy, business development, and product placement.

- Strategic Planning
- Operational Integration
- Change Management
- Financial Management
- Aerospace Operations
- Risk Management Controls
- Team Building
- International Engagement

### Accomplishments

#### **Proven Leadership**

Prior to his USAF retirement, was the Commander at Luke AFB. Led the Air Force's largest Fighter Wing, overseeing a massive base and its infrastructure and providing F-16 training for the Air Force with over 200 aircraft and 20+ squadrons.

Commanded at the squadron, group and twice at the wing level -- once in combat during IRAQI FREEDOM, once in peacetime as a Brigadier General.

#### **Strategic Planning**

Served one year in Baghdad with the US Forces-Iraq as the Director of Plans and Assessments. Where he directed planning to execute the drawdown of US forces from Iraq. This was the largest and most complex redeployment of US forces since WWII.

#### **Operational Integration**

Served for two years as the Deputy Director of the Central Security Service (military workforce for the National Security Agency [NSA]) where he marshaled the efforts of 16,000 military cryptologists and cyber experts in support of national intelligence requirements and participated in the standup of Cyber Command.

#### **Change Management**

Served as the Director of Air Force Requirements where he supported commands in developing and evaluating the requirements for modernization programs including fighters, bombers, mobility aircraft, munitions, and cyber requirements.

#### **International Engagement**

As Vice Commander for the air component to U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, was responsible for providing full-spectrum warfighting capabilities throughout the entire area of responsibility, which encompassed 104 countries in Europe, Africa, the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans and the oversight of over 24,000 members.

## **Work History**

<b>Senior Consultant:</b> Consistently provides superior expertise to the defense industry, leveraging his 35-year Air Force career with responsibilities that include JADC2/ABMS operational and technical support, communications interoperability strategies, and related modernization and training topics.	2015 - Present
<b>Senior Mentor, USAF:</b> Provides experience-based mentoring, teaching, training, advice, and recommendations to senior military officers, staffs, and students by participating in war games, warfighting courses, operational planning, operational exercises, and decision-making exercises. Provides advice to the most senior leaders of the USAF and assists in developing joint operational leaders and joint task force personnel	2018 - Present
<b>Lt. General and Vice Commander, USAF in Europe:</b> Responsible for providing full-spectrum warfighting capabilities throughout the entire area of responsibility, which encompassed 104 countries in Europe, Africa, the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans and the oversight of over 24,000 members.	2012 - 2015
<b>Dir., Operational Capability Requirements, Dep. Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, USAF HQ:</b> Provided critical support to commands in developing and evaluating the requirements for modernization programs including fighters, bombers, mobility aircraft, munitions, and cyber requirements.	2011 - 2012
<b>Dir., Strategic Plans and Assessment (J5), U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq:</b> Directed planning to execute the drawdown of US forces from Iraq by the end of 2011, which was the largest and most complex redeployment of US forces since WWII.	2010 - 2011
<b>Deputy Chief, Central Security Service, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Md.:</b> Directed the efforts of 16,000 military cryptologists and cyber experts in support of national intelligence requirements and participated in the standup of Cyber Command, a military command that operates globally in real time and comprises military, intelligence, and information technology capabilities.	2008 - 2010
<b>Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona:</b> Commanded all operations of Luke AFB, a major training base of the Air Education and Training Command, which trains pilots in the F-16 Fighting Falcon.	2006 - 2008
<b>Earlier USAF Experience:</b> Can be found at the Military Bio link below.	1980 - 2006

## **Education:**

2000 Master's Degree, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI  
1988 Master's Degree, Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
1980 BS in Political Science, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

**Military Bio Available at:** <https://www.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies/Display/Article/107986/noel-t-tom-jones/>

**Security Clearance:** Active Security Clearance