



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### MAJOR GENERAL NOEL T. "TOM" JONES

Maj. Gen. Noel T. "Tom" Jones is Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this position, he establishes policy for operational capabilities-based requirements. The directorate supports major commands in developing and evaluating requirements for Air Force-wide modernization programs including fighters, bombers, mobility aircraft, space systems, command and control, munitions, missile defense and Air Force irregular warfare requirements. He chairs the Air Force Requirements Oversight Council and is responsible for shaping and finalizing capabilities-based requirements documents for approval by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council. He directs and supervises the activities of more than 125 military and civilian employees in 6 divisions, including requirements officers, weapon systems experts, and professional, technical and clerical staffers.



General Jones was commissioned in 1980 following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He completed undergraduate pilot training in 1981, has served as an F-16 instructor pilot and operations officer, and has had numerous flying command positions. The general commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, the 332nd Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a fighter wing. The general held staff assignments at North American Aerospace Defense Command, Air Combat Command and the National Security Agency. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director, Strategic Plans and Assessment, U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq.

General Jones is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours, including combat sorties over Iraq in operations Southern Watch, Desert Fox and Iraqi Freedom.

#### EDUCATION

1980 Bachelor of Science degree in political science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1986 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
1987 Master's degree of aviation science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
1992 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  
2000 Master's degree in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.  
2008 Intelligence Community Senior Leadership Program, National Security Agency, Washington, D.C.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. June 1980 - June 1981, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. April 1982 - November 1984, life support officer, training officer and Chief of Scheduling, 84th Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. December 1984 - January 1985, student, lead-in fighter training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
4. February 1985 - September 1985, pilot, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill AFB, Fla.
5. October 1985 - November 1988, flight safety officer, instructor pilot and flight commander, 613th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Torrejon Air Base, Spain
6. December 1988 - May 1991, instructor pilot, training officer and wing executive officer, 62nd Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, MacDill, AFB, Fla.
7. June 1991 - June 1992, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8. July 1992 - November 1994, Chief, War and Mobilization Branch; executive officer and Chief of Staff for the Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
9. December 1994 - December 1995, assistant operations officer, later, operations officer, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea
10. January 1996 - October 1997, operations officer, 523rd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
11. November 1997 - June 1999, Commander, 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, N.M.
12. July 1999 - June 2000, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
13. July 2000 - July 2001, Deputy Commander, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
14. August 2001 - January 2003, Commander, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
15. February 2003 - June 2003, Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
16. July 2003 - October 2004, Commander, Squadron Officer College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. November 2004 - May 2006, Inspector General, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
18. June 2006 - July 2008, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
19. July 2008 - May 2010, Deputy Chief, Central Security Service, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Md.
20. June 2010 - May 2011, Director, Strategic Plans and Assessment (J5), U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq
21. May 2011 - present, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

1. July 1992 - November 1994, Chief, War and Mobilization Branch; executive officer and Chief of Staff for the Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major
2. July 2008 - May 2010, Deputy Chief, Central Security Service, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Md., as a brigadier general and major general
3. June 2010 - May 2011, Director, Strategic Plans and Assessment (J5), U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command, Baghdad, Iraq, as a major general

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,500

Aircraft flown: Primarily T-33, T-37, T-38 and F-16

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korea Defense Service Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1980  
First Lieutenant May 28, 1982  
Captain May 28, 1984  
Major Oct. 1, 1991  
Lieutenant Colonel Nov. 1, 1996  
Colonel March 1, 2001  
Brigadier General Oct. 2, 2006  
Major General Nov. 20, 2009

(Current as of July 2011)