

## Brigadier General Robert H. Jones



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Brigadier General Robert H. Jones is the mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE), Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

General Jones was born June 22, 1938, in Madison, Kansas. He attended Arlington State College (now University of Texas at Arlington) prior to entering the U.S. Air Force, and received a bachelor of science degree from Edison State College, Trenton New Jersey. The general completed Squadron Officer School in 1965, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1984.

General Jones enlisted in the Air Force in 1957. He served as an electronics technician on Okinawa prior to entering the Aviation Cadet program in August 1959. After completing primary flight training at Bartow Air Base, Fla., and basic flight training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, he was designated Distinguished Graduate and received his commission and wings in November, 1960.

Following gunnery school at Luke Air force Base, Arizona, and Nellis Air force Base, Nevada, General Jones was assigned to the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, California, where he flew F-104 Starfighters. While a member of the 479th, he participated in deployments in support of the nation's response to the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile crises.

In November, 1963 General Jones returned to Nellis for transition training in the F-105 Thunderchief. Following training, he was assigned to Itazuke Air Base, Japan. His tour in Japan was interrupted by the Vietnam war where he flew 100 combat missions over North Vietnam, operating from the Korat and Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Bases in Thailand.

Released from active duty in September, 1966, General Jones became a cockpit crew member with American Airlines, and in March 1967, joined the 141st Tactical Fighter Squadron of the New Jersey Air National Guard, McGuire Air Force Base. There he served as F-105 instructor pilot and squadron standardization/evaluation pilot.

From March 1972 through March 1984, General Jones was assigned to the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. He was a flight examiner, flight commander, and squadron executive officer before serving as commander of the 457th Tactical Fighter Squadron from January 1979 until March 1984, when he assumed command of the 442 Tactical Fighter Wing located at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri.

In January 1987, he was assigned as vice commander, Headquarters 10th Air Force, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. He became Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, 12th Air Force, at Bergstrom, in June, 1988, and assumed his current assignment in January, 1990. The general is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours in Air Force fighter aircraft, including the F-100, F-104, F-105, F-4 and A-10. As an American Airlines pilot, he has flown Boeing 707, 727, 757, 767, Lockheed L-188, BAC-111, DC-10 and MD-11 aircraft.

His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V device and oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with star, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, United Nations Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He was promoted to Brigadier General August 16, 1988.