



Interim Aviation Director

Tom Jones

Noel T. “Tom” Jones was appointed in January 2016 to serve as the City’s Aviation Director for a 12-month period while the City conducts a national search for a permanent director. In his role as Aviation Director, he oversees the day-to-day operations at the San Antonio Airport System, made up of the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport. Combined the airports account for an economic impact of more than \$5.1 billion annually and support approximately 100,000 jobs in the region.

As the City’s Interim Aviation Director, Tom will oversee the organization’s strong focus on enhancing customer experience, successfully shepherding the airports’ capital improvement projects and increasing the international airport’s air service, both domestic and international.

A retired Air Force Lieutenant General, Mr. Jones was previously the Vice Commander of all U.S. Air Forces in Europe and in Africa, encompassing the Air Force’s command in 104 countries. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Mr. Jones held numerous leadership roles in his 35-year military career including oversight of airfields and large-scale command operations.

A veteran of operations in Southern Watch, Desert Fox and Iraqi Freedom, Tom is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours primarily in T-33, T-37, T-38 and F-16 aircraft. During his career, the retired three-star Lt. General served as an F-16 instructor pilot, an evaluator pilot and had numerous flying command positions. He commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, the 332nd Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as the Director, Strategic Plans & Assessment, U.S. Forces-Iraq, U.S. Central Command and held staff assignments at North American Aerospace Defense Command, Air Combat Command and the National Security Agency. Prior to his position as Vice Commander of U.S. Air Forces Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa, Tom served as Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans & Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Education

- 2011 Leadership Decision Making Program, Harvard University
- 2008 Fellow, Seminar XXI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2008 Intelligence Community Senior Leadership Program, National Security Agency
- 2000 Master’s degree, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College
- 1988 Master’s degree, Aeronautical Science Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 1986 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base
- 1980 B.S. Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy

Professional Memberships and Military Honors

Air Force Association
 Order of Daedalians
 Distinguished Service Medal
 Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Medal
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Combat Readiness Medal
 National Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Iraq Campaign Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Korea Defense Medal

Personal

Tom and his wife Deborah, a San Antonio native, have two children and one grandson.