

Biography Gary North



Gary North is the Vice President for Customer Requirements for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. His primary responsibility is ensuring Lockheed Martin fulfills United States and international F-35 customer requirements. He also ensures that requirements for F-35 industrial partners around the world are met.

In addition, he serves as the company interface for customer requirements across the wide spectrum of all Aeronautics programs, ensuring Lockheed Martin meets strategic milestones while ensuring operational execution reflects company contractual commitments.

Mr. North, who retired from the U. S. Air Force with the rank of General, joined Lockheed Martin in January 2013 after 36 years of military service. He held numerous key operational, command and staff positions, including Commander, Pacific Air Forces; and executive director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, where he was responsible for all U. S. Air Force operations in the Pacific. This position also included serving as the Joint Force Air Component Commander for U. S. Pacific Command.

He also served as the Commander of U. S. Air Forces Central from 2006-2009, where he was responsible for all Air Force operations in the Middle East. Mr. North served as the Combined Forces Air Component Commander for U. S. Central Command throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His extensive international background and experiences include service on the Air Staff in programming and joint requirements, and as the Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for Asia for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, from 2002-2004. He served as the Director for Operations for U. S. Pacific Command from 2004-2006.

Mr. North commanded U. S. Air Force units at every level from squadron to major command, and has exceptional strategic, operational and command and control expertise in both senior staff and combat efforts.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,700 flying hours primarily in the F-4G, F-15 and F-16. Mr. North is a graduate of the Air Force F-16 Fighter Weapons School and flew 83 combat missions in Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from East Carolina University and master's degrees in both Public Administration and Human Resource Management from Golden Gate University and National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.