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General John P. Jumper, USAF, (Ret.), joined the private sector in November 2005 following a 39-year Air Force career, culminating in his selection to serve as the 17th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. As the Air Force's senior military officer he was also a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing military advice directly to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council. Prior to his position as Chief of Staff, General Jumper served as a wartime commander during conflicts in Iraq, Serbia and Kosovo, including command of Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Joint Task Force Southwest Asia. He also served as Senior Military Assistant to two U.S. Secretaries of Defense, Dick Cheney and Les Aspin.

In the private sector, Jumper served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of two U.S. public companies, SAIC and Leidos, until his retirement in 2014. He continues to serve on the board of Leidos as well as the boards of Hyster-Yale, NACCO Industries and Rolls-Royce North America. He is also the President of the Board of Visitors at his alma mater, the Virginia Military Institute, and Chairman of the Board of the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA.

He and his wife Ellen have three daughters who have served in the U.S. Air Force.
