



Lone Star International

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In addition to my primary role as an Air Force fighter pilot with 3000 plus flying hours in F-15C/E and F-16 aircraft, I also have a diverse background with military personnel, government civil servants, and companies serving the Department Defense. I have a complete understanding of the Department of Defense Biannual Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System Process, including project management, financial cost analysis, responsibility for annual budgeting, innovation, and personnel.

Notable experiences include:

- led the team responsible for strategic monitoring of worldwide events at NORAD Headquarters
- the decision maker responsible for executing command and control for air, space, missile, ground, and maritime operations at the National Military Command Center in Washington DC
- managed primary oversight of a 25% resource reduction in personnel and aircraft and an annual budget reduction from \$117 billion to \$100 billion while assigned to Headquarters USAF
- programmed future budgeting of a major acquisition from research and development through system testing and low rate initial production for a system still in use currently in the Air Force
- sole responsibility for configuration control in the air operations center for two democratic allied countries the USA and South Korea as part of the USA and United Nations command
- provided leadership and oversight of the operational and testing committee for configuration of all systems and testing within the confines of the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center
- provided oversight of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council that approved the high-altitude airship advanced concept technology demonstrator - a command and control platform
- led a group of North American Aerospace Defense Command personnel that started and strategically planned the nation's newest combatant command, the Northern Command

Having reviewed the concepts and planned utilization for the proposed repurposing of the LHA - Project Excelsior by the Coalition of Hope Foundation ("COH"), I am more than honored to offer my highest endorsement. As a former President of the Durango Group, a defense consulting group for the aerospace, defense, and national security sectors, I have the privilege of maintaining ongoing relations with dozens of retired General and Flag offices across all branches of the armed services. I am confident all share in my enthusiasm to support COH in this wonderful imaginative initiative that's needed now.

Warm Regards,

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