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## Major General James L. Williams, USMC (retired)



Major General James Williams served his country in the military for over 35 years; he retired 1 August 2010. He has commanded Marines at every level in and out of combat. He was last assigned as the Commanding General, 4th Marine Division from April 2007 to April 2010. Previous positions held were as the Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Marine Division from November 2006 to March 2007; Deputy Commanding General (Mobilization), Marine Corps Combat Development Command in 2006; Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division, in combat operations at Camp Blue Diamond, Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, from 2005-2006; and Deputy Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Fallujah, Iraq, from 2004-2005. While serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force he was assigned as the Deputy Director of Operations CJTF-180, conducting combat operations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, from 2001-2003. He also served on the Secretary of Defense's Reserve Force Policy Board from 2007-2010.

Major General Williams has served throughout Asia, Europe, Central and South America, the Middle East, and Africa in numerous military operations. He has extensive experiences in China, Korea, Japan, and the Republic of the Philippines. In addition to multiple combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, he has extensive operational experience in the Counter-Drug War in Central and South America, and in Southwest Asia. While on his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour in Iraq, Major General Williams and his integrated US team of military and joint coalition members were responsible for initiating the talks with terrorist and insurgent groups that caused the Sunni Awakening to occur in Al-Anbar Province. This allowed the beginning of the end in combat operations, thus saving countless friendly military and Iraqi lives from further misery.

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During the Carter and Reagan Presidencies from 1979-1981, Major General Williams served as one of the Military White House Social Aides to both Presidents. He was serving at the White House during the Middle East Peace talks with Israel and Egypt; Operation Desert One, the rescue attempt to free the US Hostages from Iran; during the return of the US Hostages from Iran back to the USA and to the White House; and during the assassination attempt on President Reagan in Washington, DC in 1981.

Major General Williams was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His formative years were spent in Philadelphia and Reading, Pennsylvania. He received a B.S degree from Slippery Rock University, PA, in 1975. He reported to Officer Candidate School in January 1976, and received his commission in March 1976. He received Master's degrees from Georgetown University in Government and National Security Affairs in 1981, from Yale University in Hospital Management/Public Health in 1984, and from the U.S. Army War College in International Security Studies in 2000. He has completed program studies at Harvard's JFK School of Government in the National and International Studies Program, and at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler School of Business LOGTECH program. Currently, he is in the process of working on additional graduate degrees in Computer Engineering/Computer Science and in Business and Strategic Leadership.

Among his personal decorations are included the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Afghanistan Service Medal, Iraq Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Expeditionary Service Medal, Select Reserve Service Medal, and the National Defense Medal. He is also the 2012, recipient of the Ellis Island Gold Medal.

In the business world, General Williams has held leadership positions in healthcare, high technology, defense, financial services, and the international business trade industries. He is currently the Chairman and CEO, of Zenneck Power Company, a new global start-up company providing electrical power, electrical transmission, and electrical power services via joint ventures. He also provides financial advising and financial education services helping businesses, families, and military veterans. He also continues to assist American businesses with expanding their business products and services to other countries globally, as well as, teaching their key leadership strategic planning, financial skills, and team building skills. He has over 40 years of experience dealing with the Asia-Pacific Region and over 30 years dealing with the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

Major General Williams also has or is serving on the Boards of Directors/Advisors for Industry Capital and The RMF Group, two private multi-billion dollar venture capital funds; the North Texas Crime Commission and was former Chairman of the interagency Cybercrime Committee; the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University; the American Board of Physician Specialties/Disaster Medicine; former Board Director of Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas, VA Medical Center of North Texas; and the International Learning of Texas Charter School

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District. He provides professional financial services, financial literacy planning and financial education to interested individuals and businesses. In addition, he provides international business and security consulting services to numerous countries and companies in international business trade. He also spends numerous hours helping Veterans and their Surviving Spouses fight for jobs, benefits, and services they so richly deserve for their unselfish service to their country.