

William R. (Rusty) Jones
Colonel, US Marine Corps (Retired)

Colonel Jones' Marine Corps career spans the period from Vietnam past Operation Desert Storm. In the operating forces, he flew Cobra helicopter gunships, the original AV-8A Harrier V/STOL tactical jet and the AV-8B Harrier II. He served at Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) in Manpower, Aviation and Program and Requirements Divisions. He also served on the Joint Staff as Division Chief, J-8, Requirements Assessments and Integration Division that included the Secretariat of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC). He served as the sole USMC representative on the US Naval Academy Honor Review Board in 1994, which was convened by the Secretary of the Navy to resolve cases of alleged cheating. He was the senior Marine on the staff of the 1997 National Defense Panel (NDP).

Colonel Jones commanded Marine Aircraft Group 32 (MAG-32) consisting of over 100 aircraft and 1,500 Marines and Sailors as well as Marine Attack Squadron 231 (VMA-231) during combat operations in Operation Desert Storm. The squadron was comprised of 20 AV-8B Harrier II aircraft with over 200 Marines and Sailors. All squadron personnel returned safely to the United States. His operational tours covered world-wide deployments both ashore and shipboard to Great Britain, Okinawa, Japan, North Vietnam, Italy, Cyprus, Spain, Thailand, Somalia, Kenya, Beirut, Denmark, and Saudi Arabia. He accumulated over 3,000 accident-free flight hours and served in various leadership positions in operations, aviation maintenance, training and flight standardization. He is a graduate of the USMC Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course.

Following active duty through 2006, Colonel Jones was a Senior Associate at SYColeman Corporation in Arlington, VA. The company provided analysis and manpower support to various agencies within the Department of Defense as well as support to many major defense contractors.

Colonel Jones is a Board Member and Proxy Holder at GKN Aerospace Services Structures, Inc. Cromwell, CT. GKN Aerospace Services Structures designs and manufactures high-strength composite components for major aerospace industry customers. GKN Structures operates under a Proxy Agreement with the Defense Security Service (DSS): Colonel Jones is Chairman of the Government Security Committee and Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee. The company provides high-performance composite materials to a number of defense hardware manufacturers.

Colonel served as an Outside Director at Aerospace Filtration Systems (AFS), St Charles, MO until its acquisition by Donaldson Corporation. AFS designs and manufactures advanced engine air filter systems for military and commercial helicopters and auxiliary power plants units.

Colonel Jones is a Board member of Missouri Boys State, Warrensburg MO as well as a Trustee of the Missouri Boys State Trust. Missouri Boys State (MBS) is a hands-on government workshop for nearly 1,000 rising High School Seniors held annually at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) in Warrensburg, MO. Colonel Jones volunteered his time as a counselor and staff member during MBS sessions beginning in 1965 and throughout his time at USNA and USMC active duty and continued after leaving the Corps. The all-volunteer Board of Directors and Counseling Staff serve without pay.

Colonel Jones' academic background:

1969	BS, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
1979	MS, Systems Management, Univ. of Southern California, Cherry Point, NC
1985	MA, Strategic and National Security Studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI
1986	Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seminar XXI, Washington, DC
1989	National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, DC

Colonel Jones maintains a current DoD security clearance.