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**Gen Ronald Keys, USAF (Ret.)**, retired from the Air Force in November 2007 after completing a career of over forty years and command of eight different organizations including operational, staff, and international units. General Keys was an instructor and later Commandant of the USAF Weapons School. He also led the team that stood up the Air Force's first Doctrine Center and was its first Commander.

His last assignment was as Commander, Air Combat Command, at the time the Air Force's largest major command, consisting of more than 1,200 aircraft, 27 wings, 17 bases and 200 operating locations worldwide with 105,000 personnel. Under his leadership, ACC organized and stood up the Air Force's first Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Wing and first Network Warfare Wing.

General Keys holds a Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University and a Master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University. In addition to numerous professional military education courses, Gen Keys has participated in the National and International Security Seminar, JFK School of Government, Harvard, as well as Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, in Colorado Springs. In September 2007, he received the Air Force Association's most prestigious annual award, (The H. H. Arnold Award) as the military member who had made the most significant contribution to national defense. General Keys is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the F-4, A-10, F-16 and F-15, including more than 300 hours of combat time.

General Keys resides in Woodbridge, Virginia and owns RK Solution Enterprises LLC, an independent consultancy. He is a Senior Advisor to the Bipartisan Policy Center, Chairman of CNA's Military Advisory Board on DoD Energy and Climate Change, an Advisory Board Member to the Center for Climate and Security, as well as an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Board Trustee. He advises various other DoD and Non-DoD clients on advanced technologies, energy alternatives, marketing, strategic planning, and policy development issues concerning a range of military operations including cyber, command and control, and remotely piloted vehicles as well as advanced sensors and weapons.

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