



Col. James Jones
Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing
Ohio Air National Guard (Retired)

Col James Jones has been an influential senior leader in the Ohio Air National Guard. He has fifteen years' experience leading diverse organizations ranging from 70 to 1200 personnel. He has a distinguished history of transforming unit culture by his effective ability to enhance teamwork and professionalism throughout the organization. Col Jones' leadership has been lauded exemplary by key leaders of Air Mobility Command and Air Education and Training Command; but most importantly by his Airmen. As an innovator he has used diverse communication methods increasing camaraderie and pride effecting real organizational change.

In his final assignment he served as Commander of the 121st Air Refueling Wing Columbus, Ohio. He was accountable for providing daily worldwide air refueling, combat support, national disaster and state emergency response – involving security forces, fire department, civil engineers, flying operations, logistics, transportation, aircraft maintenance, finance, medical, communications, public affairs, legal, and compliance – accomplished by over 1,100 Airmen.

He is a decorated military aviator with 48 combat support missions and 30 years of distinguished service.

Col Jones earned his B.S. in Management from Park University MO in 1982 and completed Squadron Officer School in 1994 and Air War College in 2006. He currently resides in the Columbus area with his wife, Annette. Together they have two daughters, two sons and five grandchildren.