



John N. McLean, Jr. (Mac)

John (Mac) McLean took over as the Executive Director of the Strategic Air and Space Museum in October 2007. Prior to assuming his position, Mr. McLean served as the President, America First Communities, a division of America First Real Estate Group, within The Burlington Capital Group. His primary responsibility was developing and growing the company's military housing business across the country, as well as executing America First Communities' first military housing project at Offutt AFB, Bellevue, Nebraska; which was awarded in September 2005.

Prior to joining The Burlington Capital Group, Mr. McLean served 34 years on active-duty in the United States Air Force, attaining the grade of Colonel. Mr. McLean served at Barksdale AFB as Director of Staff for the "Mighty" 8th Air Force, Air Combat Command, just prior to his retirement in 2004.

From 2000 to 2002, he served at Offutt AFB in Omaha as the Vice Wing Commander for the largest wing in the Air Combat Command with more than 8,400 personnel involved in a multi-faceted flying mission and associated ground support roles. He provided oversight of a \$432 million annual budget and assets in excess of \$4 billion. Mr. McLean chaired 19 base committees overseeing activities for a total base population of 12,000 people. He conducted, at the time, the largest ever A-76 study for outsourcing maintenance, general housekeeping and support activities for the base. The 55th wing owns 30 aircraft, mans 31 squadrons and hosts numerous base tenant activities.

He served as the base commander at Minot AFB, North Dakota from 1998-2000 leading the team of 1,600 personnel involved in the day-to-day activities of civil engineering, morale, wellness and readiness, security, communications, lodging, restaurant services, Base Exchange, and commissary for a base population of 12,000 personnel and dependents. He managed a \$19 million budget, an 8,500 square-mile missile complex, 2,470 family housing units, and 17 bachelor apartment facilities.

Mr. McLean served as the Deputy Operations Group Commander for a major aviation training center in San Antonio, Texas. Responsible for 1,600 personnel involved in engineering support, security police, personnel, public affairs, information management, communications, and Family Support activities for a population of 35,000 personnel with an annual budget of \$48 million. He oversaw real property assets in excess of \$1.2 billion, facility construction and design in excess of \$45 million, and a base of over 5,000 acres.

He was the Commander for the Air Force's primary T-37B pilot instructor school. Mr. McLean supervised 75 instructor pilots, 144 aircraft and ground support personnel for a fleet of 63 T-37B aircraft. His squadron provided initial pilot instructor training for 200 Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps pilots each year flying over 18,000 hours with a budget of \$4.5 million and \$15 million in assets.

Prior to his assignment as a squadron commander, Mr. McLean served in numerous flying assignments, and staff assignments in the Pentagon. He has flown a variety of aircraft to include the B-52G/H, RC-135, E-4, T-38A, and T-37B.

Mr. McLean received his MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. He is also a graduate of the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Air Command & Staff College (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Armed Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, Virginia; US Air Force Pilot Training, Craig AFB, Alabama. He is the recipient of eight Department of Defense Commendations for superior achievement and overall excellence in duties in the areas of base support operations and flying training.

He is married to the former Patricia Maccarello of Mount Kisco, New York.

Mr. McLean serves as a Board Member for the Great Western Bank's Sarpy County Advisory Board and serves on the board for Habitat for Humanity-Sarpy County.