## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: GENERAL (Retired) T. MICHAEL MOSELEY, USAF

## **18th CHIEF OF STAFF**



Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Commander, 9th U.S. Air Force, Shaw AFB, Sumter, South Carolina

Commander, U.S. Central Command Air Forces and Combined Force Air (and Space) Component Commander, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Al Udeid Air Base, State of Qatar

Director of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Deputy Director for Political/Military Affairs (Asia/Pacific and the Middle East), The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

Commander, 57th Weapons Wing, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada

In 2008, General Moseley completed a distinguished 40+ year military career as the 18<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. In that capacity he served as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organizing, training and equipping of over 700,000 Active Duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Civilian forces. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Moseley and the other service chiefs served as the principled military advisers to the President, the National Security Council and the Secretary of Defense. In this capacity, General Moseley also served as the Nation's senior Airman.

A native of Grand Prairie, Texas, General Moseley graduated from Texas A&M University with both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science with a focus on Northeast Asia. He is a graduate of the Pilot Instructor Course at Randolph AFB, TX as well as the prestigious Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB, NV where he later served as an instructor and squadron commander. He also attended the Navy's Fighter Weapons School ("Top Gun") at Naval Air Station Miramar, CA. He is a graduate of the Air Force's Squadron Officers' School and the Air Command and Staff College, both at Maxwell AFB, AL as well as the National War College in Washington D.C. where he also later served as the Chief of Staff's personal representative to the faculty. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1995 and served as a general officer for over 13 years.

General Moseley is a career fighter pilot with close to 3,000 hours of total flying time. He commanded a fighter squadron, a fighter group and the 57<sup>th</sup> Wing at Nellis AFB, NV – the Air Force's largest and most complex wing. He also commanded the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force at Shaw AFB, SC and U.S. Central Command Air Forces from headquarters located in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in the State of Qatar. In this capacity he was responsible for the planning and execution of all joint and coalition air and space operations against; hostile Taliban and Al Qaeda forces in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom), terrorist activities along the Horn of Africa and in Yemen and hostile Iraqi and insurgent forces in Iraq (Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom).

General Moseley also served on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. as the point of contact for all military, policy and political engagement with the countries of the Middle East and Asia. In this assignment he was also the senior Department representative to the Four Party Talks. For two years he negotiated key confidencebuilding measures with North Korea, South Korea and China. General Moseley also served for two years as the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff's direct point of contact with the Congress as the Air Force's Director of Legislative Liaison.

For his combat leadership of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom he was awarded the General H.H. Arnold Award, the Air Force Association's highest tribute to leadership. Additionally, the Air Force Association named him a General Ira Eaker Fellow for "Principled Leadership" while serving as Chief of Staff. Texas A&M University has also recognized his accomplishments and dedicated services with their Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student. Other leadership awards include; the National War College's Distinguished Alumni Award, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Sergeant William Jasper Freedom Award, the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadet Hall of Honor, the General "Jimmy" Doolittle Award by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the General James Hartinger Award for achievements in advancing the military space mission. He was also the first inductee into the Frontier of Flight Hall of Fame in Dallas, Texas. He has also been singularly honored by the Mayor of Grand Prairie, Texas and by the Independent School District of Grand Prairie by having a public school named after him in his hometown – the Mike Moseley Elementary School.

General Moseley has been "Knighted" by Her Majesty, the Queen of England in being named a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE). His Majesty, the King of Saudi Arabia, by the award of the King Abdul-Aziz Excellence Medal has also honored him with the Kingdom's highest award. The President of the French Republic has also named him a Commander in the National Order of the Legion of Honor, which is the highest decoration of the French Republic. He has also been awarded the United Arab Emirates highest award and equally prestigious awards from the Minister of Defense from the Republic of Singapore and from Brazil. He was personally awarded two Defense Distinguished Service Medals by the Secretary of Defense for his combat innovation and leadership in the Middle East as well as for his transformational vision for the American Military. Upon retirement, General Moseley was awarded a third Air Force Distinguished Service Medal for his leadership and personal contributions to national security. Additionally, upon his retirement, he was awarded Distinguished Service Medals from the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Army and from the Department of Homeland Security (Coast Guard). In September 2017, he has also been awarded the Air Force's highest civilian award, the Distinguished Public Service Award for his postretirement, continued contributions to national security by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff. The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute has also established the "Moseley Chair" to focus on national defense dialogue and international security cooperation. Additionally, the Air Force Association presented General Moseley its "2019 Lifetime Achievement Award" for his continued service and leadership in the field of national security.

He currently serves as Chairman of Hillwood Aviation (A Perot / Hillwood Company) with offices in Texas and activities on a global scale. He is also President, Chief Executive Officer of Moseley and Associates, an international consulting enterprise, focusing on global security maters and international relations. He also is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a lifetime member of; the National Eagle Scout Association, the Order of Daedalians and the Air Force Association.

His family is sixth-generation Texan with a long history of stockmen, cotton farmers and lawmen. General Moseley is married to his high school sweetheart – Margaret Virginia. "Jennie's" family is fifth generation Texan and operates one of the State of Texas' designated "Centennial Farms" that has been in her family for well over 170 years, raising cattle and producing State of Texas award-winning pecans! He and Jennie have two children and four wonderful granddaughters. General Moseley is an avid big game hunter, wing shooter and sport fisherman. He is also an avid reader of history and has a personal library of 5,000 + volumes.