



GENERAL JAMES L. JONES (USMC-RET.) JOINS CSIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WASHINGTON, May 7, 2007 – General James L. Jones (USMC-Ret.), current president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Institute for Energy has become a member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. General Jones joins former Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain Anne Armstrong, former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski on the 37-member board.

“For over four decades, General Jones has served our nation with dignity, effectiveness and great distinction,” said former Senator Sam Nunn, CSIS Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “We are proud and honored to have as a member of our Board a leader who has protected our nation and defined for this and future generations the very meaning of the term soldier-statesman.”

On February 1, 2007, General Jones completed 40 years of active duty service in the Marine Corps. His career was marked by a variety of assignments including service as Marine Corps Senate Liaison Officer; operational command at all levels including a combat tour in Vietnam; and command roles in humanitarian operations in Northern Iraq and Bosnia Herzegovina. His final assignments called on him to serve successively as 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, followed by a tour of duty as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander, U.S. European Command.

General Jones is a decorated combat veteran who has worked closely with government, business, and civic leaders in an effort to protect and advance U.S. and allied interests around the world. During his final assignment, he helped the North Atlantic Treaty Organization organize discussions on energy issues and the defense of critical infrastructures, and he worked to advocate energy security as a core part of NATO’s future missions.

His most notable operational assignments include tours as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion 9th Marine Regiment, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC), and the 2nd Marine Division. In 1997, he was asked to serve as Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense before being designated as Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1999.

General Jones was awarded a bachelor of science degree (1966) and an honorary doctorate of letters (2002) from Georgetown University. He is a 1985 graduate of the National War College in Washington, DC. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (four awards), the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit (five awards), the Bronze Star Medal with Combat “V,” and the Combat Action Ribbon. Following his assignment to NATO, he was awarded several international decorations from member nations of the Alliance and the NATO Meritorious Service Medal.

General Jones and his wife, Diane, reside in McLean, Virginia, and have four children and seven grandchildren.

“For so many years General Jones has been one of this country’s most important assets,” said CSIS President and CEO John Hamre. “CSIS is indeed fortunate to have General Jones join our Board of Trustees.”

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a bipartisan, non-profit organization founded in 1962 and headquartered in Washington, D.C. It seeks to advance global security and prosperity by providing strategic insights and practical policy solutions to decision makers. CSIS serves as a strategic planning partner for the government by conducting research and analysis and developing policy initiatives that look into the future and anticipate change.

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