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General Richard E. Hawley serves on the Executive Advisory Council of Mission Readiness: Military Leaders for Kids, a nonprofit organization of more than 275 senior retired military leaders founded in 2008 to ensure continued American security and prosperity into the 21st century by calling for smart investments in the upcoming generation of American children.

General Hawley is an independent consultant providing advisory services to several major aerospace companies and the Department of Defense. He serves as a member of the board of directors of Astronautics Corporation of America; and chairs the board of advisors of Christopher Newport University's Luter School of Business.

General Hawley served as a member of the Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Panel in 2005 and a DoD Quadrennial Defense Review Red Team in 2006. Until 2009, General Hawley served as a Senior Concept Developer for the United States Joint Forces Command. He currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College.

During his military career, General Hawley served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. He commanded a Group, Wing, Numbered Air Force and two Major Commands. His assignments as a flag officer included duty as the Air Force's Director of Operations during the first Gulf War, Commander U.S. Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, and Commander United States Air Forces in Europe and Allied Air Forces Central Europe.

General Hawley retired in June 1999 as the Air Force Component Commander to Atlantic Command (now Joint Forces Command) and Commander of Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, Virginia. Air Combat Command was at the time the Air Forces largest command, responsible for all CONUS based Air Force fighter, bomber, combat rescue, electronic combat, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance forces. ACC was comprised of 1,050 aircraft and approximately 103,400 active-duty military members and civilian personnel at 27 major installations in the United States, Panama, Iceland and the Azores. When mobilized, more than 64,400 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members along with 780 aircraft augmented ACC's active duty forces. The general entered the Air Force in 1964 following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy and has a Masters degree in economics from Georgetown University. He served as a forward air controller at Pleiku Air Base, South Vietnam, where he flew 433 combat missions in the O2-A. Subsequent flying assignments were in the F-4, F-15 and A-10. He lives in Newport News, Virginia.

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