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Mr. Gilbert (Gil) W. Mace is Chairman of the NATO AEW&C Programme Management Organization (NAPMO) Board of Directors, a multi-national organization that is responsible for a multi-billion dollar weapons system. Among his myriad responsibilities as Chairman, Mr. Mace is ushering the NAPMO through a multi-year NATO restructuring effort which aims to streamline and reform NATO headquarters, agencies, commands and committees. Mr. Mace is also leading major transformation efforts within the NAPMO, with an emphasis on the realignment of the weapon systems' technical airworthiness authority as well as on increased effectiveness and efficiencies. Mr. Mace anticipates continued growth in the NAPMO participating national membership, with the latest accession, the Czech Republic, raising the total from 17 to 18 nations.

Mr. Mace has 29 years of NATO experience--both as an active duty U.S. Air Force officer and upon his retirement from military service. He has extensive experience in the operations, acquisition, program management and senior management at NAPMA (NATO AEW&C Programme Management Agency), focusing on the procurement and modernization of NATO's AEW&C systems. Mr. Mace served in the U.S. Air Force 25 years, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He served as Deputy General Manager at NAPMA for 10 years.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

Masters of Science, Business Administration, Boston University
Bachelor of Science, Geography, University of Utah
Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell, Berks., Great Britain
USAF Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
Weapons Controller/Fighter Interceptor Course, McDill AFB, Florida

CAREER ASSIGNMENTS:

1968-1969: Duty Weapons Controller in a Tactical Control Squadron at Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

1969-1970: Weapons Controller at Det 5, 621st TCS at Nakhom-Phenom RTAFB, Thailand.

1970-1973: Weapons Controller and Senior Director at 602nd TCS, Neu Ulm, Germany.

1973-1975: 552 AEW&C Wing Instructor Airborne Weapons Controller on EC-121, McClellan AFB, California.

1975-1976: Assistant Director of Operations, Det 3, 552 AEW&C, Keflavik NAS, Iceland.

1976-1978: 966 AWAC Training Squadron Instructor, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

1978-1982: Staff Officer, HQ TAC/DOA, Langley AFB, Virginia. Responsible for the interface between TAC and NORAD AWACS crews and worked on the sale of AWACS to NATO and Saudi Arabia.

1982-1983: Attended Royal Air Force Staff College at RAF Bracknell, UK

1983-1985: Assigned to HQ AIRSOUTH, Naples, Italy to work on the integration of the newly acquired NATO AWACS into the AIRSOUTH air defense network.

1985-1990: Chief, Requirements Branch, NATO AEW&C Programme Management Agency (NAPMA) responsible for the completion and acceptance of the facilities at the NATO AWACS MOB and the three FOBs. Worked with the USAF and prime contractor on the development and procurement of ESM for the NATO AWACS as well as the initial work on the Near-Term Upgrade.

1990-1993: Asst Dep Secretary for International Programs, SAF/AQ, Pentagon, Washington DC assisting in the Mid Life Update for the European owned F-16 fleets and representing the U.S. on the NATO AEW&C Board of Directors.

1993-2002: Retired from the USAF and accepted the position of Deputy General Manager/Chief of Staff, NAPMA, Brunssum, the Netherlands. Responsible for running an agency with a staff of 150 personnel during the development and procurement of the NATO AWACS Near-Term Modernization Program and the initiation of the NATO Mid-Term Program.

2002-2010: Senior Acquisition Systems Analyst with NCI Systems, SAFTAS A-Team, supporting the USAF in certain NATO and international programs, including the Japanese 767 AWACS, Australian Wedgetail, NATO AWACS, in support of the Program Executive Officer, Command and Control Programs, prior to moving to SAF/AQI as Special Assistant to the United States Government Agent to the NATO AEW&C Programme Management Organization (NAPMO). Mr. Mace also supported U.S. representatives to the NAPMO Board of Directors and Committees during his tenure.

2011-present: Chairman of the NAPMO Board of Directors. Responsible for a multi-national organization that owns a multi-billion dollar weapons system. Ushering the NAPMO through a multi-year NATO restructuring effort which aims to streamline and reform NATO headquarters, agencies, commands and committees. Leading major transformation efforts within NAPMO designed to change the programme into a true life cycle management organization.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Numerous military decorations including the

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit
Bronze Star
Defense Meritorious Service Medal