



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

JOHN WHEELER

John Wheeler is the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. His mission is to carry out tasks and monitor programs in support of goals as directed, and support the Secretary with data gathering, team organization, liaison, analysis and/or options for action.

Mr. Wheeler graduated from West Point in 1966, serving as a staff officer in Vietnam, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Staff before leaving active service in 1971. While on active duty, he authored the first Biological and Chemical Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual and the analysis supporting the President's decision that the U.S. will not use biologicals. He was also on the Red Integrated Strategic Operational Plan Team to test the Single Integrated Operational Plan. His career combines federal service and starting up, growing and turning around companies and charities. He was Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, on the team that worked major insider trader investigations, and consultant to the acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics regarding tankers and other issues.



For President Reagan, he created the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, linking successful veterans with veterans needing jobs. For President G.H.W. Bush, he created the Earth Conservation Corps for at-risk youth. He was Chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which built the Wall, and first Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which led the 40 percent reduction in drunk driving casualties as of 2005. He has also served as Special Counsel to the Chairman and CEO for the turnaround of Macy's, and he helped launch charities including the Jed Foundation to prevent college suicides, Support Our Aging Religious, and the Deafness Research Foundation's National Campaign for Hearing Health to end deafness with cochlear implants for children.

EDUCATION

1966 Distinguished graduate, Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1969 Master of Business Administration degree, with distinction, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, Mass.
1975 Juris Doctor, Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn.

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CAREER CHRONOLOGY

1. 1966 - 1967, fire control platoon leader, nuclear Nike Hercules site, Franklin Lakes, N.J.
2. 1967 - 1969, graduate student, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (summer 1968, systems analyst (Strategic Programs), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.)
3. 1969 - 1970, member of the General Staff, Headquarters U.S. Army Vietnam, Long Binh, Vietnam
4. 1970 - 1971, staff officer, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
5. 1971 - 1972, senior planner, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.
6. 1972 - 1975, law student, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
7. 1975 - 1976, law clerk, George E. MacKinnon, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
8. 1976 - 1978, Associate, Shea and Gardner Law Firm, Washington, D.C.
9. 1978 - 1986, Assistant General Counsel, Special Counsel to Chairman, and Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. (1980 - 1981, on loan per President Reagan to create Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program)
10. 1986 - 1988, self-employed specialist in startups and turnarounds of companies, charities
11. 1988 - 1989, President G.H.W. Bush Transition Team to create Earth Conservation Corps, Washington, D.C.
12. 1989 - 1997, self-employed specialist in startups and turnarounds of companies, charities
13. 1997 - 2001, President and CEO, Deafness Research Foundation, Washington, D.C.
14. 2001 - 2006, self-employed specialist in startups and turnarounds of companies, charities (2004 - 2005, consultant to acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Washington, D.C.)
15. 2006 - present, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Joint Service Commendation Medal
U.S. Representative, Pew Foundation, British American Project

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Law Journal Officer and Note Editor, Yale Law School
Languages: Fluent Spanish
1979 - 1989, Chairman, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
1983 - 1987, Chairman and CEO, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
1993 - present, created, then CEO Vietnam Children's Fund

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

District of Columbia Bar
Council on Foreign Relations

PUBLICATIONS

Conceived, and contributor to, *The Wounded Generation: America After Vietnam*, Prentice-Hall, 1981
Touched With Fire: The Future of the Vietnam Generation, Franklin Watts, 1984, and Avon paperback, 1985
A variety of opinion articles, broadcast and cable commentary.

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