



**Brigadier General Steven J. Spano**  
**USAF, Retired**  
**Amazon Web Services**

Brig. Gen. Steven J. Spano (ret.) is currently serving as the General Manager, Defense and National Security for Amazon Web Service's Global Public Sector. General Spano retired from the USAF in September 2011. He was formally the Director of Communications, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA, responsible for IT vision, policy guidance, and resource allocation supporting the command's warfighting mission. Prior to that, General Spano served as the CJ6 for Multi-National Forces Iraq where he was responsible for all IT policy, interoperability and network operations supporting all joint and coalition forces. He also served as the principle advisor to the government of Iraq for Information and Communications Technology reconstruction. The general has commanded at the detachment, squadron and group levels. In addition, he served in key joint assignments at the National Security Agency, the Joint Staff, and U.S. Forces Korea. He was the CIO for United States Air Forces in Europe as well as Air Combat Command.

General Spano was born in Albany, N.Y. He was commissioned in 1983 through the ROTC program at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt. He and his wife Kim have are the proud parents of 3 beautiful girls – Stephanie, Erica, and Sarah. Steve and Kim live in Saratoga Springs, NY. Gen Spano's military education, assignments, and accomplishments include:

**EDUCATION:**

- 1983 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont
- 1985 Master of Administrative Science, Management, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- 1986 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1994 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 1994 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
- 1998 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2000 Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Air War College (Residence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama
- 2006 Senior Executive Fellows, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. October 1983 to June 1984, Student, Communications-Electronics Officer Course, Keesler AFB, Mississippi
2. June 1984 to February 1987, Systems Security Program Manager, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland
3. October 1986 to December 1986, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
4. February 1987 to June 1989, Director of Operations, 2115th Communications Squadron, Iraklion AS, Crete, Greece

5. June 1989 to October 1991, Commander, Detachment 12, 435th Communications Group, Rhein Main Air Base, Germany
6. October 1991 to July 1993, 7th Communications Group, Pentagon, Washington, DC
7. July 1993 to June 1994, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
8. June 1994 to August 1994, Student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia
9. August 1994 to June 1997, Information Assurance Action Officer, Joint Staff, J6, Pentagon, Washington, DC
10. June 1997 to July 1999, Commander, 374th Communications Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
11. August 1999 to June 2000, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
12. June 2000 to June 2002, Assistant Chief of Staff, J6, Headquarters United States Forces, Korea
13. July 2002 to December 2003, Commander, 89th Communications Group, Andrews AFB, Maryland
14. January 2004 to November 2007, Director, Communications, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
15. November 2007 to Nov 2008, Director, Communications and Information Systems, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Order of National Security Merit, Samil Medal, Republic of Korea

National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Company Grade Officer of the Year, Iraklion AS, Crete, Greece, 1988

Company Grade Officer of the Year, European Communications Division, 1989

Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, 1986

Air Force General Edwin W. Rawlins Award for Innovative Use of C4 Resources, 1991

Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, 1994

Federal Computer Week's Top 100 Chief Information Officers, 2007

Computer World's Premier 100 IT Leaders, 2008