

**In Memory of James A. Williams, Lieutenant General US Army (Ret.)
Deceased 10/31/2017**



James A. Williams was the Co-founder, President and Board Director of InfoAssure, Inc. Until his passing he was also the Chairman of the Senior Advisory Board of InfoAssure, Inc.

LTG Williams pioneered in the field of business competitive intelligence, using open source information in support of many of America's largest companies' strategic business requirements. In 1986 upon leaving the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) as its Director, he founded the Direct Information Access Corporation (DIAC) which offers research and intelligence support for mergers and acquisitions, provides corporate counterintelligence in cases of intellectual property theft or patent infringement, and assists in the acquisition and processing of civil remote sensing imagery for commercial purposes.

As an outgrowth of his long career in counterintelligence, LTG Williams was deeply involved in the emerging field of Information Operations (IO) and Information Assurance (IA) for commercial entities and in support of several government agencies. He was a senior advisor to the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and is an advisor to the US Army Land Information Warfare Activity and works closely with government contractors in this field. The General has also been an active speaker on the need to protect intellectual property and the hazards posed by unauthorized access via computers and other electronic channels. He has appeared on numerous occasions to speak on this subject before professional groups and business organizations.

As President of the Direct Information Access Corporation (DIAC) the General was a leader in establishing protective mechanisms for corporations to protect against information attacks and in conducting investigations of patent infringement and theft of intellectual property. He serves as a member of a senior officer advisory group for the US Army Land Information Warfare Activity.

From 1986 through 1992 he was an advisor to the Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology, US House of Representatives on the subject of civil remote sensing and the future of the US civilian satellite program.

The General was also a member of senior advisory panels at Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories, assisting in the formulation of strategies and products to assist in the fight to control proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. He had participated in the Summer Study Program of the Defense Science Board on Chemical Weapons Proliferation and was a speaker at the Chemical Weapons Symposium sponsored by the Defense Nuclear Agency in 1996.

The General had over 40 years of leadership and operational experience in national counterintelligence, human and technical intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination. As a former Lieutenant General and Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) he was the senior intelligence and counterintelligence officer for the Department of Defense and directed all intelligence collection and analysis for the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity the General commanded an agency of over 7,000 people and a budget in excess of \$500 million.

He was also the National Program Manager for the General Defense Intelligence Program which funded defense collection and analysis around the world, for over 30,000 people and several billion dollars. The General directed the reorganization of the DOD Indications and Warning System and initiated widespread use and adoption of open source information by DIA.

LTG Williams also directed the expansion of the DIA program of counter terrorism analysis and established the first dedicated counter terrorism watch program. Under General Williams's guidance DIA pioneered in the integration of various intelligence data sources to produce truly all source reports and was responsible for integration of counterintelligence and terrorism databases in support of global threat analysis.

As the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, US Army Europe, in 1980 and 1981 LTG Williams was responsible for coordinating the collection and analysis of intelligence for US Army forces in six countries and for coordination of counterintelligence and counter terrorist information with host nation intelligence organizations. He operated the US Army Europe Counter terrorism Watch Center and directed expansion of reporting on the activities of major international terrorist organizations known to be operating in Europe.

The General is a Distinguished Member of the US Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame and the Attaché Hall of Fame. Among his many decorations the US Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal and Bronze Star with "V" for valor. He has also been honored by the Government of France with the Legion of Honor, Order of Commander, and has received similar awards from Germany and Japan.

He was a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point.