

General James E. Cartwright retired from active duty on 1 September 2011, after 40 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.

General Cartwright served as Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, before being nominated and appointed as the 8th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's second highest military officer. He became widely recognized for his technical acumen, vision of future national security concepts, and keen ability to integrate systems, organizations and people in ways that encouraged creativity and sparked innovation in the areas of strategic deterrence, nuclear proliferation, missile defense, cyber security, and adaptive acquisition processes.

Born in Rockford, IL, he attended the University of Iowa and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines in 1971. He was both a Naval Flight Officer and Naval Aviator who flew the F-4 Phantom, OA-4 Skyhawk, and F/A-18 Hornet. General Cartwright graduated with distinction from the Air Command and Staff College, received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, completed a fellowship with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was honored with a Naval War College Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award.

General Cartwright currently serves as Chairman of the Board for IP3 Corporation. He is also on the Executive Board for The Atlantic Council and is an Executive Board member for University of Pennsylvania CERL. In addition, General Cartwright advises multiple companies on global management consulting; technology services and program solutions; predictive and big data analytics; and advanced systems engineering, integration, and decision-support services. He is currently an adviser for Enlightenment Capital, FireFly Aerospace Inc, Unconventional Concepts Inc, and LatentAI.

He served on the Secretary of Defense's Defense Policy Board, the Raytheon Company's Board of Directors, the Federal Advisory Board for Accenture Federal Services, the Board of Governors for Wesley Theological Seminary, as well as advisory boards for SpaceX, Total Administrative Services Corporation, North Atlantic Industries, AT&T Government Solutions, Expression Network, Logos Technologies, and was a member of the Senior Leadership Steering Group managed by the Air Force Research Laboratory. In addition, he has been affiliated with several professional organizations including the Aspen Strategy Group, Atlantic Council Defense Commission, Council on Foreign Relations, and the National Council on Election Integrity. He was also a defense consultant for ABC News, inaugural holder of the Harold Brown Chair in Defense Policy Studies for the Center for Strategic & International Studies and a senior fellow at the Harvard Belfer Center.