EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Rick Reese



Operations & Business Development Executive

Strategic Partner Group

RETIRED U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER / GLOBAL OPERATIONS STRATEGIST

Leadership with purpose. Execution with impact.

Rick Reese is an executive leader, retired United States Air Force officer, and global operations strategist with more than four decades of experience across aerospace, defense, technology, procurement, logistics, entrepreneurship, and community development.

His career connects the discipline of complex technical programs with a commitment to people and opportunity. From satellite operations to international business platforms, he brings strategic planning, operational execution, and collaborative leadership to initiatives that strengthen organizations and communities.

> *Building platforms that turn purpose into economic power.*
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> RICK REESE

40+
years across operations, enterprise, and public service

1989
first GPS II satellite launch-team leadership

1,500
Katrina survivors served through city-wide relief

CURRENT PLATFORM

Strategic Partner Group

At Strategic Partner Group, Reese leads operations, business development, and global programs connecting businesses, governments, and communities. His focus includes cross-border partnerships, entrepreneurship, veterans' initiatives, travel and tourism, and marketplace ministry.

He also leads SPG's website, brand strategy, and digital communications.

Discipline behind the mission.

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A MILESTONE IN GLOBAL NAVIGATION

1989

The first GPS II satellite launch

As a U.S. Air Force mission control officer, Reese led a space operations team involved in the launch of the first GPS II navigation satellite. His military career encompassed satellite training, testing, launch, and control, supporting systems with enduring value to defense and civilian life.

Reese retired from the U.S. Air Force in September 1997, bringing military operational discipline into business and technology leadership.



Rick Reese beside a satellite display.
Space systems are an enduring part of his professional background.

Program context: 62 second-generation GPS satellites were launched between 1989 and 2016.

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L-3 Communications

Software Development Project Manager
Satellite scheduling systems

Directed planning, scheduling, budgeting, execution, and delivery of software projects. Managed procurement requirements for current, future, and field-retrofit programs while coordinating teams to meet contractual requirements.

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F-15 Fighter Systems

Configuration & Quality
Assurance Manager

Controlled hardware and software configuration changes, monitored compliance, and resolved issues. Developed and improved quality standards supporting F-15 system acquisition.

CORE OPERATING DISCIPLINES

- Program & project management
- Procurement & acquisition
- Logistics & supply chain
- Software delivery
- Quality & configuration control
- Satellite operations & training

Broader impact: veterans advocacy, youth development, public service, and global economic development.

Opportunity that reaches others.

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Community recognition in Colorado Springs.

Leadership grounded in service

In 2005, United Way appointed Reese to direct the Pikes Peak Disaster Support Center, coordinating relief for **1,500 Hurricane Katrina survivors** relocated to Colorado Springs. His approach emphasized empowerment, inclusion, human rights, social justice, self-determination, and collective action.

Appointed Community Trustee; past chairman, Colorado Springs Black Leadership Forum; board service with Urban Peak and the National Space Science & Technology Institute.

Opening pathways into engineering

In 1978, he co-founded the Lowell chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, encouraging academic achievement, professional success, and community impact. His university connections include NSBE alumni recognition in 2017.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Calling-Based Leadership Institute

Founder and author of the Calling-Based Leadership textbook and workbook, helping leaders connect purpose with responsibility and action.

Better World Changers

Founder of a marketplace ministry connecting people to God through an inclusive environment that supports life purpose, entrepreneurship, and community transformation.

Surge365 & TravManity

Surge365 Founder's Circle member and founder of its Global Expansion Team. Operates a travel agency spanning destination advice, itineraries, transport, lodging, and group travel, while developing and mentoring travel entrepreneurs.

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Master of Arts

Logistics / Supply Chain Management & Procurement
Webster University

B.S., Plastics Engineering

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Class of 1981

Post-Graduate Certificate

Project Management
Colorado Technical University

Civic leadership development

Leadership Pikes Peak, 2003
El Pomar leadership development program

"Dream big… include others."

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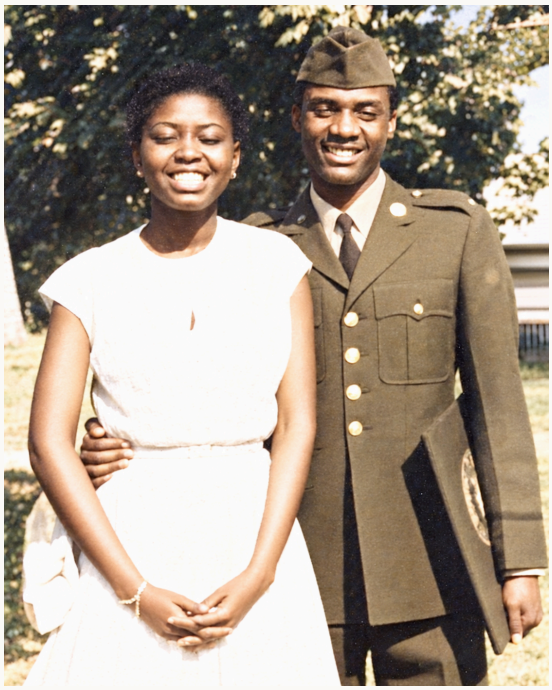
PUBLIC PROFILES & HISTORICAL REFERENCES

Strategic Partner Group | UMass Lowell | U.S. Air Force

People. Purpose. Lasting connection.

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Moments from a life of service, partnership, and opportunity.



SERVICE

A portrait from Rick's U.S. Air Force years.



PARTNERSHIP

Rick and Brenda Reese, UMass Lowell alumni, Classes of 1981 and 1982.



BEGINNINGS

Early engineering and NSBE chapter years in Lowell.



RECOGNITION

Alumni recognition at UMass Lowell.

1978

Co-founded the Lowell NSBE chapter

1981

Plastics engineering graduate, Lowell

1989

First GPS II satellite launch

1997

Retired from the U.S. Air Force