

# ANDREW "AJ" LEONE

Independent Director, Strategic Advisor, Brigadier General (Ret), USAF

Andrew (AJ) Leone is a strategic executive and board director with over 30 years of leadership spanning high-stakes military operations, commercial real estate, and private equity. A retired Brigadier General, AJ specializes in guiding \$60B+ defense portfolios and scaling high-value commercial ventures through disciplined governance and operational excellence.

At the Pentagon, AJ served as the Mobilization Assistant to the Air Force Acquisition Deputy, providing high-level oversight for the service's most critical procurement and modernization efforts. As Director of the Joint Reserve Directorate, he steered \$13B in DoD Research & Engineering spend, notably spearheading a "bullpen" of elite subject matter experts to accelerate national Hypersonic technology priorities.

In the private sector, AJ is a proven operator and investor. He co-founded and scaled Charleston Collision into a premier multi-site enterprise, culminating in a successful M&A exit to a \$1.6B industry leader. Today, he manages a diverse commercial real estate portfolio of 70+ properties and provides strategic counsel to for-profit and non-profit boards.

AJ holds an MBA from Auburn University and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is a recipient of the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.



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