

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Richard T. Swope

Class of 1964

Lt. Gen. Richard Swope, at the time of his award, served at the NATO headquarters in the Netherlands. During the Persian Gulf War, he commanded the 86th Fighter Wing in Germany.

Swope experienced a prolific career with the military. He served in multiple high-level posts, including inspector general, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He oversaw Air Force inspection policy, criminal investigations, counterintelligence operations and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

A command pilot, he flew the F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft. Following early assignments, he was assistant chief of staff for operations and logistics, Allied Forces Central Europe, Brunssum, Netherlands. Prior to his inspector general position, he was commander of the 13th Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

He received numerous awards such as the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After his 1998 military retirement, Swope ran his own Washington, D.C., consulting business and served on the boards of several companies. He was board chairman of Algae Aqua Culture Technology, a Whitefish bio-energy company.

He passed away Jan. 10, 2011.

Additional degrees: M.B.A., University of Utah

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