



Joseph E. (Joe) Spivey

Personal Statement: ***“Faith, Family, Friends, Fishing...and the Fightin’ Fifty-fifth!”***

Joe is Calvert Systems’ Vice President, Strategic Operations, managing the BIG SAFARI (BS) contract portfolio and corporate Nebraska office. His team supports the USAF’s BS Program Management Office (PMO) with 55th Wing RC-135 fleet, HQ USSTRATCOM, 645th AESG and Life Cycle Management Center (LCMC) subject matter expertise.

Prior to joining Calvert Systems, Joe was employed at Northrop Grumman (TASC) providing technical expertise for ISR (advocacy, operations, collection management, campaign plans), Space, Global Strike and Integration, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, Integrated Missile Defense, USAF acquisition and organizational analysis. His customers included HQ USSTRATCOM, Joint Functional Component Commands (JFCCs), Combatant Commands (COCOMs), BS PMO, 55th Wing (ACC), and the Missile Defense Agency. At TASC, Joe graduated from the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business, Strategic Marketing Exec Program.

Joe spent 26 years in the USAF, retiring in 2002 as a Colonel. Following his initial B-52 assignment with Mather AFB’s 320th Bomb WG (SAC), Joe joined Offutt’s 55th SRW as a 343rd SRS RIVET JOINT Raven, eventually serving as a Crew Commander and WG scheduler. This was followed by Reconnaissance Center tours at HQ Strategic Air Command (SRC), the Joint Staff (JRC) and Air Combat Command (DOR/initial cadre). Following HQ ACC, Joe returned to the 55th WG as 24th RS/DO until the squadron reactivated as the 45th RS. After a year as DO, Joe became the 45th RS Commander, flying in OC/RC/WC-135 and T-37/38 (OPEN SKIES, COBRA BALL, CONSTANT PHOENIX, ACE Programs) aircraft and won ACC’s Lance Sijan Leadership Award, Senior-officer Operations category. He later served as Dep/CC for the 55th Operations and Support (with a concurrent stint to cover a 55th Services Squadron Commander vacancy) Groups. At retirement, Joe was assigned to the Pentagon, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Systems).

Joe received a Bachelors of Science degree (Geography) from Troy State University and Masters of Science degrees from the University of Southern California (Systems Management) and National Defense University (National Security Strategy). Joe is an in-residence graduate of USAF Squadron Officer’s School, plus the Armed Forces Staff College, Defense Intelligence College (Collection Management) and National War College.

Joe and his wife of 40+ years, Arlene, have two grown children Summer (Seattle) and Daniel (Bennington NE) who have blessed the Spivey’s with 2 grandchildren each.