

SUMMARY RESUME FOR JAMES A. ABRAHAMSON

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Military and civil expert in technology and program management, author of many dozens of papers, testified before Congress more than any other DoD official for over 5 years, represented President Reagan's SDI with Numerous public appearances, television spots, and newspaper interviews.

Civil Positions:

- To Present: Entrepreneur: Chairman, CEO SkySentry and SkySpectrum LLCs (development of Stratospheric Airships for civil wireless telecommunications and military applications). Chairman of the Board, OrbImage Corporation.
- 92 – 96: Working Chairman of the Board of Oracle Corporation.
- 89 – 92: President and founder of Hughes Aircraft Transportation Division.

Military Positions:

- 84 – 89: First Director of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative ("called Star Wars"—Nation's largest R&D program in history).
- 81 – 84: NASA Associate Administrator for Space Flight (Ran the Space Shuttle Program—Responsible for Kennedy, Johnson, and Marshall Space Flight Centers)-Ran Space Shuttle Launches 2 through 13, all successful.
- 80 – 81: Air Force Systems Command Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems.
- 76 – 80: Program Director for Multinational F--16 Fighter Program (largest development and international production of a U.S. Military Aircraft—at that time 7 countries).
- 73 – 76: Commander, 4950th Flight Test Wing at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 71 – 73: Program Director of Maverick "First Smart Missile" Program.
- 69 – 71: Staff Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Council (Executive Office of the President of the United States).
- 66 – 69: Astronaut on the U.S. Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory (the program was cancelled and none of the astronauts flew in space on MOL).
- 65 – 66: Outstanding Graduate—Air Force Command and Staff College and No. 2 Graduate of the Air Force Flight Test School at Edwards AFB, CA.
- 64 – 65: Fighter Pilot—flew F-100s in Vietnam.
- 61 – 64: Spacecraft Project Officer on the Vela Hotel Satellite Program.
- 60 – 61: Master's Degree in Aerospace at University of Oklahoma.
- 57 – 60: Various assignments as Instructor Pilot & classroom instructor.
- 56 – 57: Air Force Pilot Training and Instructor Pilot Training.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the AF sent me for a Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. Test Pilot School, Fighter Pilot School, Air Force Command and Staff College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (by correspondence), Pilot Training and Instructor Pilot Training.

Awards and Decorations: Goddard Space Flight Award, Engineering Society "Man of the Year 1987", Aviation Week "Legends Award" 1998, Air Traffic Control Association Outstanding Service Award—1993, Gen. Hartinger Management Award, Daedalian Outstanding Program Manager Award (twice), DoD Exceptional Service Award-with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Exceptional Service Award, NASA Exceptional Service Award--twice, Department of Energy Outstanding Service Award, Air Force Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and other U.S. awards, Netherlands Order of the Orange (with sword), Norwegian Order of King Olaf, Belgium Order of King Leopold; others.

Fighter Pilot and Test Pilot--over 30 different types of aircraft—3,500 flight hours.