

# James R. Bartran

## Colonel, USAF, Retired



James Bartran is a retired Air Force senior leader, pilot, and management consultant. He served in the United States Air force for 24 years, culminating in his position as the Deputy Commander for the 9<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, CA. The 9th is responsible for approximately 7,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel, and the entire Air Force high-altitude reconnaissance fleet of U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft. The wing is comprised of four groups and four overseas operating locations, executing worldwide missions in support of all six geographic combatant commanders.

Col (ret) Bartran received his commission from Washington State University in 2001, and has also earned two Master's Degrees, one from Air University, and one from the Army War College in Strategic Studies and International Security Studies.

James has over five thousand flight hours in a myriad of aircraft. He was an evaluator and instructor in both the TU-2S, U-2S and T-38A aircraft, and has also flown B-1B, T-38C, T-34C, UH-60, TH-57, and many other civilian aircraft. He flew 78 combat missions with over 700 hours of combat time. Following his military flying career, he is now in the process of joining United Airlines.

James serves as the Director for Community Partnerships with the Yuba Applied Research Center or YARC. The YARC serves as a catalyst for economic growth and improved quality of life for Yuba County and the greater Sacramento region. The YARC goals are conducting technology and policy research, identifying and training a talented workforce, and providing a collaborative environment to link Yuba County to regional, state and national efforts.

James is also a dedicated husband and father to his wife and three children.