

# Rotary



## Rotary Club of Tullahoma September 30, 2022 What's A Cookin

Meal Service: 11:50

Program: 12:15

### Club Leaders

Jack Thoma  
President

Anthony Watts  
President-Elect

Rachel Ferrell  
Vice President

Brian Coate  
Secretary

Linda Bean  
Treasurer

Jody Baltz  
iPast President

Hank Jordan  
Club Administration Chair

Anthony Watts  
Service Projects Chair

Jim Woodard  
Club Membership Chair

Rachel Ferrell  
Public Relations Chair

### Upcoming Schedule

October 7 - Col. Randel J. Gordon - AEDC Commander  
October 13 - Social/Network - Ole Shed - 5 - 8pm  
October 14 - no meeting  
October 20 - 5 Loaves 4 Kids - packing @ 8:45am  
October 21 - Coffee County Mayor Judd Matheny

### Beverly Lee - Our Aerospace Heritage as a tool for Economic Development

Colonel Beverly Lee will visit our Club on September 30th to discuss her vision for the Arnold Heritage Center. Colonel Lee has had a distinguished thirty-year career in the United States Air Force. She is a graduate of Tullahoma High School, Motlow State Community College, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Memphis, and a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology, Guidance and Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado. She is also a graduate of Air Intelligence School, Air Force Survival School, Counter-terrorism Courses and the Air Force Air War College.

In her first assignment at Nellis Air Force Base, NV she served as an intelligence officer, was the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General and a Red Forces expert. Upon leaving active duty, she worked as a senior systems analyst for EG&G Inc. and later Northrop Corporation in California.

In the USAF Reserves, Colonel Lee served as senior public affairs spokesperson at numerous bases in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. She has served as project officer for the Partnership for Peace Program in Germany, WWII Commemoration events in Hawaii, the annual Rose Bowl parade, the 2004 NFL Kick-off, and Salute to Veterans program on the mall in Washington D.C. She has served as the Director of Public Affairs at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee, and Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho.

After September 11, 2001, Colonel Lee was deployed to U.S. Forces Japan and worked closely with the U.S. Embassy and the staff of Ambassador Howard Baker, former Senator from Tennessee. Subsequently, she was assigned to the Pentagon, and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense... working on the Media Embed program throughout Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

In her last assignment, Colonel Lee served as the Secretary of the Air Force, Director of Entertainment Liaison advising writers, producers and studio executives on military life, operations, and training. She was the DOD project officer in the production of an Emmy nominated Super Bowl commercial. Telling the story of our men and women in the military was her specialty.

She now serves on the board of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Board, chair of Dream Tullahoma, and is a board member of Seven Sisters International supporting victims of human trafficking. She is a member of the Arnold Community Council and serves on the Tullahoma Chamber Government Relations/Military Affairs Committee. She has served as the Vice President of the Tennessee World Affairs Council, as well as the Executive Director and Vice President of the Board of the Hands-On Science Center. She has been an education consultant and small business owner for over 15 years.

Colonel Lee is also the former president of a large school district foundation in Orange County, California, serving 52 schools with more than 51,000 students funding technology for STEM programs and the arts.

She was selected as 2002 Citizen of the Year for the City of Laguna Niguel, CA, the 2004 Armed Services YMCA Military Volunteer of the Year at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Air Station in California, and the 2017 Citizen of the Year in Tullahoma, TN.

### October 7 - Colonel Randel J. Gordon

Joining us on October 7th is Colonel Randel "Laz" Gordon, commander of the Arnold Engineering Development Complex. Col. Gordon assumed in June 2022.

Col Gordon was born in Poughkeepsie, New York and received his commission in 1998 from the United States Air Force Academy. Prior to this assignment, he was the initial cadre director for the Secretary of the Air Force's Artificial Intelligence Accelerator with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He also served as initial cadre for the Secretary of the Air Force's AFWERX technology innovation team with private sector business and



academia. Col Gordon is a Presidential Fellow, Harvard Business School Alumnus, Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency (DARPA) Fellow, MIT Fellow, and holds a doctorate from the US Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies.

He served the F-22 Combined Test Force as its commander and has additional flight test pilot experience in the F-15C/E, A-10A/C, F-16A/C, Bombardier BD-700 Global Express business jet, and 70 other military and civilian aircraft. His most recent assignment was as the 412th Test Wing Vice Commander.

## EDUCATION

- 1998 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2006 Master of Science, Aeronautical Engineering/Systems Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2010 Master of Philosophy/Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Doctorate of Philosophy, Strategy, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2018 Harvard Business School Alumnus, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1998-August 1999, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. October 1999-December 1999, Student, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Mass.
3. January 2000-June 2000, Student, F-15C Replacement Training Unit, 95th Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. July 2000-December 2003, F-15C Fighter Pilot/Flight Lead, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
5. February 2004-June 2005, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. July 2005-July 2006, Student, Air Force Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.
7. September 2006-June 2010, F-15C/E Instructor, A-10A/C, BD-700 Experimental Test Pilot and Chief of Flight Safety, 40th Flight test Squadron and Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.
8. June 2010-June 2011, Student, Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2011-June 2014, DARPA Fellow, Future Capabilities, Joint Innovation & Experimentation, US Pacific Command (USPACOM), Camp Smith, Hawaii
10. July 2014-June 2017, F-22 Commander/Director of Operations, 411th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Cali.
11. July 2017-August 2018, Fellow, Harvard Business School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
12. June 2018-June 2019, Test and Evaluation Lead, AFWERX Initial Cadre, Cambridge, Mass.
13. June 2019-June 2020, Director, USAF/MIT Artificial Intelligence Accelerator Initial Cadre, Cambridge, Mass.
14. July 2020 - June 2022, Vice Commander, 412th Test Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.
15. June 2022 - Present, Commander, Arnold Engineering Development Complex, Arnold AFB, Tenn.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command pilot
- Hours Flown: More than 3,000
- Aircraft Flown: F-22A, F-15C/E, A-10A/A+/C, BD-700 (E-11 BACN), F-16A/C, and 70 others

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster
- Air Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster