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Tony is the Executive Director of the National Security Innovation Council, an Austin-based non-profit that connects businesses, academic researchers, and entrepreneurs from across Texas to help accelerate national security problem solving. He recently completed over four years of service as an Associate Vice Chancellor for the University of Texas System. His duties included assembling the UT System strategic plan, conducting leader development programs for students, faculty, and staff, and coordinating policy support for all veteran students and employees across the System's eight universities and six medical institutions.

Growing up in a small town in the Hudson River Valley of New York, Tony commuted by train and subway to St. Francis Xavier High School in Manhattan before attending the US Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned an Infantry officer in 1979 and served worldwide leading organizations varying in size from 100 personnel to 22,000, spending over half of his 35 years in uniform directly leading operations. Most notably, he led organizations in three significant high-risk confidence-building efforts among ethnic and religious antagonists. In Bosnia, he encouraged Muslim, Serb, and Croat leaders to reach agreements on a range of issues, bringing stability to a hotly contested area. In Afghanistan, he led the first tripartite efforts between US, Afghan and Pakistan military leaders in the areas of border disputes and information sharing. And in Iraq, as commander of US forces running counterinsurgency operations in the seven provinces north of Baghdad, he successfully emplaced a grass-roots effort to build confidence between Iraqi Arabs and Iraqi Kurds along the disputed ethnic fault line crossing that nation from Syria to Iran.

The last eleven years of his career serving as a General Officer were remarkably unique. From 2003 to 2014, he led Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq, led analysis teams in combat zones and on natural disaster recovery efforts such as Hurricane Katrina, and commanded the largest Army base east of the Mississippi. Additionally, during this period, he was the US Army's Chief of Public Affairs, co-chaired execution of the \$35B equipment modernization strategy for the Army and was the president of the US Army War College. A Texas resident since 1980, he transitioned to civilian life in September 2014, and settled in the Austin area.

Tony is a member of the board of directors of Texas 2036 and the University of Texas MD Anderson Leadership Institute. He still actively mentors, coaches, and teaches leader development programs for military and civilian corporate leaders.