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Bio

Wes Hallman became Senior Vice President of Strategy & Policy for the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) on October 10, 2017.

Wes came to NDIA after a 27-year career in the Air Force, last serving as the Chief Air Force Liaison to the House of Representatives responsible for advising the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on engagement with Congress while working directly with members of the House of Representatives and their offices on Air Force and national security matters. Prior to his work with Congress, he was the senior executive assistant to the Joint Staff Director of Strategic Plans and Policy.

Wes served in several operational and staff positions, including commanding a squadron and a fighter group. He also led a staff of over 2,000 as Chief of Staff for the Air Force's forward headquarters in the Middle East, simultaneously managing and supporting Air Force units conducting air operations over Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2004, he was selected as a White House Fellow, serving as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Assistant.

Wes is a Command Pilot with 1985 hours in the T-37, T-38, AT-38, F-15A/B/C/D, and F-22A, and has over 150 hours of combat time in support of Operations Southern Watch, Provide Comfort, and Northern Watch.

Wes is an Outstanding Graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also earned a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Ohio State University and is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Eisenhower School). Wes also completed the State Department's National Security Executive Leadership Seminar and the Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.