

Nick Lacey currently serves as the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Policy Chairman of the Government Affairs Council. After being born and raised and having graduated from high school in a small town near Colorado Springs, Lacey enlisted in the Air Force with the opportunity to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School as an Airman. In 1964, Nick graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and began attending Undergraduate Pilot Training at Moody Air Force Base graduating in 1965 as an Outstanding Pilot Graduate.

For most of Lacey's flying career, he flew fighter aircrafts. During his two combat tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, Nick flew 100 missions over North Vietnam in the F-105 during the Rolling Thunder Campaign and flew the A-7 in the Search and Rescue role at the end of the War. From 1979 to 1982, Lacey flew the F-4E at Moody Air Force Base. Other career titles earned include: T-38 Instructor at U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training, U.S. Air Force Europe Director of Inspections, Defense and Air Attaché (and U.S. military representative to the United Kingdom Government and senior military advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom) for the U.S. Embassy in London, and Commander of the 48th Combat Support Group, Royal Air Force Lakenheath in the United Kingdom.

Nick's education continued during his attendance at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, Royal College of Defence Studies in London (international security affairs) and Auburn University, where he received his Masters of Business Administration.

In 1990 and having served thirty-one years in the Air Force, Lacey retired at the rank of Colonel. His decorations include: the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, Air Medal with eleven devices, along with other medals.

From 1994 to 2006, Lacey was the Director of the Lowndes County 911/Emergency Management Center, as well as interim Lowndes County Manager on two occasions. For the past twenty-five years, Nick operated a small soybean, wheat, pecan and pine tree farm in Berrien County. Nick Lacey continues his public service by serving as a member of the Ray City United Methodist Church, Berrien County Development Authority Board, Berrien County Chamber of Commerce Board, Berrien County Planning Commission, Nashville-Berrien Rotary Club, former member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the South Georgia Partnership for Health, Co-chair of the South Georgia Military Affairs Council, and President of the South Georgia Chapter of the Air Force Association.

Above all, Nick Lacey has been married for fifty-three years to Mrs. Patricia Creed Lacey, a former Berrien County High School Science Teacher in Nashville, Georgia.