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Cody and White Join UT
Bring 45 Years of Air Force Expertise

KNOXVILLE, TN — The University of Tennessee College of Business Administration welcomes two new members to its staff: James Cody as director of the College of Business Administration's Aerospace/Defense Clearinghouse of Tennessee (AD TN) and Andy White as program director, Aerospace MBA program. They bring over 45 years of aerospace expertise to the college.

"Andy and James are great additions to our team," said Dr. Alex Miller, associate dean of executive education. "Both have served in key leadership positions across the Air Force. They understand the challenges and opportunities facing the aerospace and defense communities."

Enhancing their impact on the college, Cody and White also will be faculty members supporting executive education as part of a five-year, \$25 million contract awarded to the university in 2006.

Cody returns to UT from the United States Air Force after serving as a fighter pilot and strategic planner for 25 years. A retired Air Force colonel who has worked extensively with the aerospace industry, Cody's experience includes high-level organizational development, Air Force strategic planning and modernization, and management and program development for new and emerging missions. He also has commanded an Air Force F-16 fighter squadron, directing combined operations and maintenance programs. He served as division chief for the Headquarters Air Force

Quadrennial Defense Review Office; senior military assistant and direct military advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force on critical and complex issues; and special assistant to the director, Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Cody received his B.S. in business from the University of Tennessee; his Master of Military Art and Science (MMAS) from the School of Advanced Operational Art Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS; his Master of Airpower Art and Science (MAAS) from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL; and his Master of Aeronautical Science (MAS) from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

“I’m honored to be a part of AD TN and to be making a difference in the aerospace and defense sectors,” said Cody. AD TN is the premier university source of managerial education and development for the aerospace/defense sector, tapping the expertise of faculty and subject matter experts and connecting them to leading aerospace/defense organizations.

White joins the college as director of the Aerospace MBA program, a 12-month executive MBA program tailored specifically for professionals in the aerospace and defense industries. The curriculum teaches the latest management and leadership practices in the field.

Before retiring as a lieutenant colonel, White served as a faculty member at Air University, public affairs director for Air Force Special Operations Command, and a squadron commander. He also deployed seven times, including deployments as lead public affairs planner for the air component at the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed to Iraq in 2004.

“I am thrilled to be continuing my relationship with America’s military and aerospace community. I get to work at a great university and support a team of senior faculty members with incredible expertise and a passion for aerospace issues,” said White. “Every day, we’re strengthening the people and programs that enhance the national security and economic strength of our country. How great is that!”

White is a 1986 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He also holds a Master of Science in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Southern California.

“We are delighted to have both James and Andy transition from an Air Force career and join our college,” continued Miller. “Their aptitude, leadership abilities, and outreach skills will drive our renowned aerospace programming to even greater heights.”

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The mission of the University of Tennessee College of Business Administration in Knoxville, Tennessee, is to provide innovative leadership in management research, education and practice. The College consistently breaks new ground with both its scholarship and award-winning, integrated curriculum that is taught within its undergraduate, graduate and nationally recognized executive education programs. The College is accredited by *AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business*. For more information about the University of Tennessee College of Business Administration, visit <http://bus.utk.edu>.