

## **BIOGRAPHY OF LTGEN JOHN CASTELLAW USMC (RETIRED)**

John "Glad" Castellaw is co-founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of Farmspace Systems LLC., a provider of precision agricultural services and equipment.

Castellaw graduated from the University of Tennessee, Martin (UTM) in 1972 with a degree in Agriculture and a commission in the Marines.

For 36 years he led Marines around the world while flying more than two dozen different aircraft. Castellaw participated in humanitarian operations in Africa, the former Soviet Union, and the Philippines; served with the United Nations (UN) during the Siege of Sarajevo; commanded the American forces in the multi-national security operation in East Timor; and was the chief of staff of the U.S. Central Command at the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His last tours were in the Pentagon where he oversaw Marine Aviation and then the Marine Corps budget.

Currently, he operates the family farm and sits as a director for the Bank of Crockett. Castellaw founded the non-profit Crockett Policy Institute, served as its president for four years, and created its signature program "SOLDIER 2 CIVILIAN" to help veterans find jobs in precision agriculture.

Castellaw is a recognized national security expert who lectures on National Security at UTM and serves on the Washington, DC based Nuclear Security Working Group (NSWG), the Iran Futures Group, and on the American Security Project (ASP) board of directors. He also consults with major defense firms and a Hollywood film company.

He has provided commentary for various media outlets including *The BBC*, *El Arabia*, *The Tennessean*, *The Commercial Appeal*, *The Knoxville News Sentinel*, *The Jackson Sun*, and *The Washington Times*.