

Gen. James Mattis

BACKGROUND

Personal Information:

James N Mattis

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Education:

Central Washington University

400 E University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926 ("About General James N Mattis Bio," [FWA Consultants](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

Work Experience:

August 2013 - Present: General Dynamics Corporation Director

July 2013 - Present: Theranos Inc. Director

August 2010 - March 2013: U.S. Marine Corps General

August 2010 - March 2013: U.S. Central Command Commander

November 2007 - August 2010: Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) Commander

November 2007 - September 2009: NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation

1969 - 2007: U.S. Marine Corp Lieutenant Colonel, Brigadier General, Major General

Revolving Door:

According To Open Secrets, Mattis Is Listed As Having Gone Through The Revolving Door. ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/20/16)

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TRUMP-PENCE CRITICISM

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In 2016 Mattis Said It Was "Nuts" For Trump To Call Our Allies "Freeloaders." "When journalist Jeffrey Goldberg published his New Yorker profile of Obama's foreign policy in March, Mattis said he

thought he had printed out the wrong article and was reading comments by bombastic Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump regarding U.S. allies instead. 'It wasn't Trump; it was the president saying that our allies are free riders and that sort of thing,' he said. 'For a sitting U.S. president to see our allies as freeloaders is nuts.'" (Hope Hodge Seck, "Mattis I Don't Understand Speculation About Presidential Run," [Military.com](#), 4/22/16)

CHAIRMAN/RNC COMMENTS

No Records Found.

GENERAL CONTROVERSY

Mattis Has Made A Number Of Controversial Statements

In 2005 Mattis Said It Was "Fun To Shoot Some People," Referring To People In Afghanistan "Who Slap Women Around For Five Years Because They Didn't Wear A Veil." "A three-star Marine general who said it was 'fun to shoot some people' should have chosen his words more carefully, the Marine Corps commandant said Thursday. Lt. Gen. James Mattis, who commanded Marine expeditions in Afghanistan and Iraq, made the comments Tuesday during a panel discussion in San Diego, California. ... 'You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil,' Mattis said. 'You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them.'" ("General It's Fun To Shoot Some People," [CNN](#) 2/4/05)

- **Mattis: "You Know, Guys Like That Ain't Got No Manhood Left Anyway. So It's A Hell Of A Lot Of Fun To Shoot Them."** ("General It's Fun To Shoot Some People," [CNN](#) 2/4/05)

Mattis: "Find The Enemy That Wants To End This Experiment (In American Democracy) And Kill Every One Of Them Until They're So Sick Of The Killing That They Leave Us And Our Freedoms Intact." ("19 Unforgettable Quotes From Retiring General James Mad Dog Mattis," [Business Insider](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

Mattis: "While Victimhood In America Is Exalted I Don't Think Our Veterans Should Join Those Ranks." (Jim Michaels, "Mattis Veterans are not victims," [USA Today](#) 5/5/14)

Mattis: "There Are Some People Who Think You Have To Hate Them In Order To Shoot Them. I Don't Think You Do. It's Just Business." ("19 Unforgettable Quotes From Retiring General James Mad Dog Mattis," [Business Insider](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

Mattis: "I Come In Peace. I Didn't Bring Artillery. But I'm Pleading With You, With Tears In My Eyes: If You Fuck With Me, I'll Kill You All." (Max Fisher, "16 Most Hair Raising General Mattis Quotes," [The Atlantic](#), 7/9/16)

Mattis: "Be Polite, Be Professional, But Have A Plan To Kill Everybody You Meet." (Max Fisher, "16 Most Hair Raising General Mattis Quotes," [The Atlantic](#), 7/9/16)

Mattis: "The First Time You Blow Someone Away Is Not An Insignificant Event. That Said, There Are Some Assholes In The World That Just Need To Be Shot." ("The Best From 'Mad Dog Mattis,'" [Washington Free Beacon](#) 3/18/13)

Mattis: "I'm Going To Plead With You, Do Not Cross Us. Because If You Do, The Survivors Will Write About What We Do Here For 10,000 Years." ("The Best From 'Mad Dog Mattis,'" [Washington Free Beacon](#), 3/18/13)

Mattis: "When Gen. Abrial Arrived To Relieve Me As The Supreme Commander, Only Don't Ask, Don't Tell Kept Me From Hugging And Kissing Him." (Max Fisher, "16 Most Hair Raising General Mattis Quotes," [The Atlantic](#), 7/9/10)

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Mattis Oversaw The Raid Where Over 40 People Were Killed At A Wedding Celebration

In 2004 The U.S. Military Opened An Investigation Into A Ground And Air Assault That Killed Approximately 40 Civilians At A Wedding Celebration. “U.S. military officers said Thursday that they would open an investigation into a ground and air assault on a desert site in western Iraq that has produced sharply conflicting accounts of whether the approximately 40 people killed were mostly foreign insurgents or included civilians engaged in a wedding celebration.” (Sewell Chan, “U.S. To Investigate Controversial Assault In Western Iraq,” [The Washington Post](#), 5/21/04)

Mattis Was The Commanding General In That Region. “‘How many people go into the middle of the desert 10 miles from the Syrian border to hold a wedding 80 miles from the nearest civilization?’ asked Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis, commander of the 1st Marine Division, whose unit operates in western Iraq.” (Sewell Chan, “U.S. To Investigate Controversial Assault In Western Iraq,” [The Washington Post](#), 5/21/04)

Mattis Was Relatively Lenient In Dealing With Soldiers Accused Of War Crimes

In 2007, Mattis Dismissed Charges Against Three Marines Implicated In The Deaths Of 24 Iraqis And Reduced The Sentences Of Three Others In The Kidnapping And Murder Of An Iraqi Man, “LOS ANGELES -- In recent months, the senior Marine commander on the West Coast has dismissed charges against three Marines implicated in the deaths of 24 Iraqis and reduced the sentences of three others in the kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi man. Lt. Gen. James Mattis' actions in two of the war's highest-profile criminal cases underscore one of the wild cards in the military justice system: the sweeping powers of a commanding general to decide the fate of those accused of war crimes. Mattis, who commands the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton in Southern California, decided who was charged, who got immunity, who will stand trial and, in the case of convictions, whether clemency should be granted. His decisions were cheered by those who believe the troops were pursued unfairly by military prosecutors. But critics said the moves reflected how the justice system is tilted toward the accused, particularly in cases arising from battlefield actions.” (Thomas Watkins, “Marine General Is Arbiter In War Crimes,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/16/07)

Gary Solis, A Former Marine Corp Prosecutor And Georgetown Professor Seemed To Question Whether Mattis' Sympathy For His Fellow Marines May Cloud His Judgement On These Issues. “Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and judge who teaches law of war at Georgetown University Law Center, said the general is uniquely positioned to understand Marines accused of crimes. ‘Of course he has sympathy for them,’ Solis said. ‘The question is whether that sympathy extends to being a critical factor in releasing them.’” (Thomas Watkins, “Marine General Is Arbiter In War Crimes,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/16/07)

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CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

Mattis Appears To Have Attacked America For A Perceived Pro-Israel Bias

In 2013 Mattis Said The United States “Paid A... Price” Every Day For The Perception That They Were “Seen As Biased In Support Of Israel.” “Retired US Marine Corps General James Mattis recently said that America pays a price for its perceived bias in support of Israel. ‘I paid a military security price every day as the commander of CentCom because the Americans were seen as biased in support of Israel, and that moderates all the moderate Arabs who want to be with us, because they can’t come out publicly in support of people who don’t show respect for the Arab Palestinians,’ he said Saturday at the Aspen

Security Forum in Colorado in response to a question about the peace process.” (Lazar Berman, “Ex US General We Pay A Price For Backing Israel,” [Times Of Israel](#) 7/25/13)

“[Mattis] Called The Current Situation In Israel ‘Unsustainable’ And Blamed The Settlements For Harming Prospects For Peace.” (Lazar Berman, “Ex US General We Pay A Price For Backing Israel,” [Times Of Israel](#) 7/25/13)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

Mattis Sits On The Board Of Several Companies

Mattis Sits On The Board Of General Dynamics. (“About General James N Mattis Bio,” [FWA Consultants](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

- **“General Dynamics Is A Global Aerospace And Defense Company.”** (“About GD,” [GeneralDynamics.com/](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

Mattis Is Affiliated With FWA Consultants. (“About General James N Mattis Bio,” [FWA Consultants](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

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Mattis Appeared To Try And Get Bad Product Results Purged At The Behest Of Theranos’ CEO While In Government

Mattis Sits On The Board Of Theranos. “Three years later nearly all the other outside directors on Theranos’s board are people who were introduced to the company through Shultz, now 93. They are former Secretary of Defense Bill Perry, former Secretary of State and National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Senators Sam Nunn and Bill Frist (a heart-transplant surgeon), retired U.S. Navy Adm. Gary Roughead, retired U.S. Marine Corp Gen. James Mattis, former Wells Fargo CEO and chairman Dick Kovacevich, and former Bechtel Group CEO Riley Bechtel.” (Roger Parloff, “A Singular Board At Theranos,” [Fortune](#) 6/12/14)

In 2012 Theranos’ CEO, Elizabeth Holmes, Emailed Mattis And Asked Him To Intervene With The FDA After A Formal Inquiry Was Launched Regarding The Company’s Intent To Distribute Tests Without FDA Clearance. “E-mail correspondence obtained by the Post reveals that an official evaluating Theranos’s signature blood-testing technology for the Department of Defense sounded the alarm in 2012 and launched a formal inquiry with the Food and Drug Administration about the company’s intent to distribute its tests without FDA clearance—a problem that has resurfaced this year, leading Theranos to temporarily stop offering almost all of its tests. ... But the tests are now commercially available, and in September, the FDA flagged a key component of Theranos’s blood collection technology as an

unapproved medical device. In the e-mail correspondence, Holmes appealed to four-star Marine Gen. James Mattis to intervene and dispel the military reviewer's 'blatantly false information' about the company. (The reviewer's name was redacted from the e-mails sent to The Post.) In her lengthy note to Mattis in August 2012, Holmes said that violating FDA law is something 'we have never done and of course would never do.'" (Carolyn Y. Johnson, "E mails Reveal Concerns About Theranos s FDA Compliance Date Back Years," [The Washington Post](#), 12/2/15)

- **"Within Hours, Mattis Forwarded The Exchange To Military Officials, Asking 'How Do We Overcome This New Obstacle.'"** (Carolyn Y. Johnson, "E mails Reveal Concerns About Theranos s FDA Compliance Date Back Years," [The Washington Post](#), 12/2/15)

Theranos Has Been Beset By Scandal Over Allegations That Their Blood Testing Machines Have Failed Quality-Control Checks, Leading To All Results On The Machine For 2014 And 2015 Being Voided And Theranos' CEO Being Banned From The Blood Testing Industry For At Least Two Years. "Mr. Shultz's allegations that Theranos's proprietary Edison machines frequently failed quality-control checks and produced widely varying results were corroborated in inspection results released in March by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In April, Theranos told regulators it had voided all test results from Edison machines for 2014 and 2015, as well as some other tests it ran on conventional machines. Theranos is appealing sanctions proposed by regulators, including a ban on Ms. Holmes from the blood-testing industry for at least two years. Last month, the company shut down all its blood-testing facilities and said it would focus on developing products that could be sold to outside labs, hospitals and doctors' offices." (John Carreyrou, "Theranos Whistleblower Shook The Company And His Family," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 11/18/16)