

Biography of Maj Gen (ret) John M. Olson, PhD



Dr. John Olson is the President, CEO and Chairman of AXIONS Corporation, the Founder and Chief Innovation Officer of Anthropogenic Inc, the Chief Development Officer for Mountain Capital Partners, and a Board member for seven companies, including both Ahura AI and FAST AI, plus a part-time Special Government Employee with the Defense Innovation Unit. He is a visionary strategic leader, bold pioneer, and effective senior executive with world-class programmatic, technical, and operations success in aerospace, energy, defense, and outdoor systems; technology, innovation, data, AI, cybersecurity, and quantum; mobility, marine, and manufacturing proven through sustained superior results in 36 years of Air Force, White House, and NASA public service. He's a retired General Officer and former Senior Executive Service member with 12 years at the Pentagon, nearly a decade at NASA, and two years as the Assistant Director for Space and Aeronautics at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Major General Olson led the standup of the United States Space Force as the Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of Space Operations, the Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, and the Space Operations Lead for Combined Joint All Domain Command and Control, while also serving as the first Department of the Air Force Chief Data and AI Officer. Dr. Olson has five engineering degrees; completed executive programs at Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Naval Postgraduate School; speaks five languages; is a graduate of the US Air Force Test Pilot School with experience in 83 aircraft; led the Department of Defense Operational Energy Innovation Strategic Advisory Board as both the Science and Technology lead and the Operator/Warfighter lead, and served as the Airborne Emergency Action Officer on the Airborne Nuclear Command Post. Dr. Olson is an experienced industry executive, entrepreneur, and commercial operator with 14 years of successful leadership as a Chairman, CEO, President, Vice President and General Manager in multi-billion dollar public (Fortune 500) & private industries plus service as a Strategic Advisor to Sierra Nevada Corporation, Data Integrity Advisors, SkyRunner Defense, E-Space, Lynk Global, Anschutz Corporation, Ahura AI, EQT, Acronis, One Bow River, Instream Energy Systems, X-Bow, Intuitive Machines, Isar Aerospace Inc, and M Development in Aspen, CO.