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Maj Gen Timothy M. Zadalis, USAF, Ret., is an Adjunct Contract Professor (ACP) for the United States Air Force and Space Force supporting Department of Defense post-secondary educational institutions as a highly experienced subject matter expert in civil/military operations and leadership development. He is responsible for providing academic advice and/or consultation to a broad-spectrum Air Force educational and training programs.

General Zadalis retired from the Air Force in 2017 after nearly 34 years of distinguished service. He is a graduate of the University of Alaska with a Bachelor of Science in the Biological Sciences. He holds a Master's degrees in Management and Airpower Arts and Sciences, and was a National Security Fellow at the JFK School, Harvard University. His diverse career includes a wide variety of high-level joint assignments including U.S. Transportation Command, Central Command in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Southern Command in support of Haiti earthquake relief operations, he is a Northern Command Plank Holder, an Airborne Emergency Action Officer for Strategic Command, and served as ISAF Joint Command Director of Air Plans/Programs in Kabul, Afghanistan during the 2010-2011 operational surge. His diverse Air Force career includes numerous executive staff and command positions culminating as the Vice Commander of U.S. Air Forces Europe and Air Forces Africa directly supporting operations in U.S. European and Africa Command. General Zadalis has vast expertise in all aspects of air mobility operations, nuclear operations, world-wide airpower command and control, contingency and humanitarian relief operations, human resource, leadership development, and training and education. He is a Command Pilot with over 4,400 flight hours and qualified in 10 training and operational aircraft. He is a decorated combat veteran earning two Bronze Stars, an Air Medal, and the U.S. Army Combat Action Badge.



In retirement, General Zadalis divides his time between his consulting business and volunteering. In addition to the ACP program, his consulting portfolio includes support for Air Force Research Laboratory advanced research and concept development programs. Additionally, he represents MDS Coatings Technologies as an Air Force Program Advisor. MDS is the world leader for compressor blade protective coatings allowing for increased engine “time-on-wing,” performance retention, and fuel efficiency gains. As a volunteer, (1) he serves as a strategic advisor for BaseConnect—a software startup with multiple SBIR Phase III DoD contracts. BaseConnect’s multi-function software provides commanders with a secure/controlled access application for internal communications and securely automates personnel recalls and messaging; (2) serves as a student research mentor for The Ohio State’s Hacking for Defense program; (3) is the Military Ambassador for Road America—a historic US racing venue; and (4) serves as the Dean of the National Veterans Leadership Foundation Fellowship Program supporting student veterans at numerous universities and colleges. Most recently, General Zadalis joined the University of Wisconsin Board of Advisors supporting the recovery and identification of MIA remains. This past summer he participated in a MIA recovery effort at a World War II aircraft crash site near Bastogne, Belgium.

General Zadalis’ active duty biography is available on the Air Force website.