

Retired Special Forces Colonel Mr. **James Williamson** is one of the two cofounders of Special Operations OPSEC. He is a self-employed entrepreneur and small business owner. Jamie assumed the position of president after Scott Taylor resigned after winning the Virginia primary for US Congress.

A native of Delaware, Mr. Williamson enjoys a reputation as a seasoned executive possessing a strong business background with an emphasis in strategic thought, problem solving, and change implementation. Throughout the years, Mr. Williamson has achieved a substantive record of success, in his military career and in private industry serving in executive positions in three



defense related companies. He maintains a vast network of productive relationships that support national security concerns, private security, complex problem solving within the military, senior governmental and corporate industries.

Williamson was one of the two founding members of OPSEC. His leadership has been instrumental in recruiting new core and 'at large' members and he has lead the effort on Capitol Hill which ultimately contributed to the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate Benghazi. He remains an integral part of the ongoing

OPSEC fundraising operations and has been a frequent public speaker on behalf of OPSEC.

In addition to his professional and corporate responsibilities, Mr. Williamson has enjoyed a successful military career spanning thirty years. Commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry in 1982, Williamson served in Germany and then in the 82d Airborne Division in North Carolina. Graduating the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1989, Williamson went on to serve in the Gulf War and subsequent humanitarian actions in Southwest Asia before leaving active duty as a Captain for the private sector in 1992. Williamson remained an active reservist in a variety of Special Forces joint and combined assignments at NATO, SOCCENT, USSOCOM, and other special operations units. Assignments have included Counter Terrorism Officer, J3X, J2X, Joint Support Activity (JSA) Squadron Commander and, subsequently, as Deputy Commander, Joint Operations Support Element (JOSE). He has served in the US and



overseas to include Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and other overseas locations.

Mr. Williamson holds a Bachelor's Degree from University of Delaware with a major in Political Science. He holds a Master's Degree in Government Contracting from George Washington University. He is a member of the Special Forces Association (SFA) and the Association For Intelligence Officers (AFIO).