

Stuart Jolly

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Stuart Jolly is a Senior Advisor at Straife and advises clients on matters relating to political risks and U.S. government engagement.

Prior to joining Straife, Stuart served as a named partner and president of two private diplomacy groups in Washington, D.C., representing several clients with unique political, national, and international concerns. He also served as Southeast Regional Political Director and was promoted to National Field Director in the 2015/16 presidential campaign, hiring Regional Directors, State Directors, and staffers in 49 states and securing critical State Primary wins. Stuart has also served in multiple political positions, including Senior Advisor and Political Director for several state, senate, and congressional campaigns and three Super PACs.

Jolly is a retired Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) from the U.S. Army, where he served our nation as an aviation officer flying UH-60 Blackhawks in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY, and 3rd Infantry Division in Europe. He served with distinction as a Company Commander in Germany in an Apache Attack Helicopter Battalion and as a Foreign Area Officer in the Defense Attaché Office at the US Embassy in Brussels, Belgium. LTC Jolly is also a Veteran of the Gulf War, where he earned a Bronze Star and two Air Medals for his service in Iraq.

Prior to his work on the campaign, Stuart served as Executive Director of Education Freedom Alliance, where he promoted choice in education and lobbied for good public policy in all 50 states.

From 2006 to 2013, Stuart launched Americans for Prosperity in Oklahoma, a Koch Foundation project. AFP focuses on free-market issues across the country and is the premier grassroots organization in the United States. During this time, Stuart served as Oklahoma's State Director.

LTC Jolly is a graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, SC, holding degrees in Political Science (BS) and an International Studies in Business (MA) from East Carolina University in North Carolina. During his military career, LTC Jolly graduated from the Defense Language Institute (DLI) at the Presidio of Monterey, California, the US Army Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Career Highlights:

- Provided technical & political advisory on various issues for New Zealand, Pakistan, and Qatar
- Professor and Adjunct Professor for 11.5 years at East Carolina University & University of Central Oklahoma, teaching finance, leadership, and military tactics.
- Led large-scale, complex, high-value political/military operations in a variety of professional & military settings across the U.S. and in Europe.
- As a military logistics officer, oversaw budget development, allocation, and expenditures for 269 personnel and resources valued in excess of \$450mm.
- Published or quoted in media outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, National Review Online (NRO), Politico, ABC, CNN, FOX, AP, and MSNBC, and has appeared in outlets, including FOX News, CBS, ABC, and NBC

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