

Major General John T. "Tom" Sheridan
Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office



Major Gen. John T. "Tom" Sheridan is Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, and Program Executive Officer and System Program Director for Space Radar, Chantilly, Virginia. He assumed these duties in July of 2006.

As Deputy Director, he assists the Director and Principal Deputy Director in the day-to-day direction of the NRO, and also serves as the senior Air Force officer for Air Force civilian and uniformed personnel assigned to the organization. For Space Radar, he directs a program designed to satisfy both Department of Defense and Intelligence Community needs as part of a system of systems integrated approach toward persistent surveillance and reconnaissance capability for the nation.

General Sheridan graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He completed the university's Air Force ROTC program as a distinguished graduate. Following an educational delay to earn a Master of Business Administration degree from Bryant College in Rhode Island, he entered active duty in August 1975. He later earned his 1996 Master of Science degree in resource strategy, and Senior Acquisition Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. General Sheridan also completed a Senior Executive Program in National and International Security, at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

General Sheridan's experience includes acquisition leadership of aircraft, simulator and classified space programs; requirements development across all Air Force space programs; and operational leadership in four different national space programs. He has served as military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, and as the Commandant of Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. General Sheridan has also served as the Director of Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado. His latest appointment of Major General came into effect on October 1, 2005. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director, General Sheridan served as the Program Executive Officer and System Program Director for Space Radar, Chantilly, Virginia from June 2005 until July 2006.

His major awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit Defense with oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; and the National Defense Service Medal Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.