



Biography

After a successful career in the U.S. Air Force, John Goodloe von Jess spent eight years working for IBM as a manufacturing consultant and systems architect. In 1969, he was one of the principals who formed Software International Inc. (SI). He was the Senior Vice President responsible for product development, systems documentation, quality assurance, computer operations, technical support, and internal management information systems. He was a member of the executive planning committee and the board of directors, and assisted in the formulation of strategic and tactical plans for the company. SI grew to five hundred fifty persons in its first 14 years of operation with over 6,000 customer's world-wide and annual revenue of 34 million dollars. He also managed Standard Data, Inc. a joint-venture with Standex International during this time. In 1983, Mr. von Jess started his own consulting and software company servicing small companies for four years after which he was hired by Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) as the Senior Software Services Business Manager for the Northeast Area. Mr. von Jess was responsible for hiring and managing personnel for five new business organizations – management consultants, business consultants, program managers, software engineers, and personal computer integration specialists. He coordinated, reviewed, approved and drove the all software services revenue business for the Northeast Area. During his time at DEC, the NE Area was ranked #1 in performance across the U.S. within DEC. Mr. von Jess retired in 1992, when he helped the owner of Mill City Connections, Inc. obtain Minority owned, Socially Disadvantaged and HUBZone status for her emerging small business.

Mr. von Jess graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree and was the Cadet Colonel and distinguished military graduate in the ROTC program in 1954. He was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Award. He joined the U.S. Air Force and was the aircraft commander and pilot in the Strategic Air Command flying refueling missions for eight years during the Cold War years and during the Korean Conflict. He served tours in North Africa, Bermuda, and Newfoundland.

Mr. von Jess is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chambersburg Hispanic American Center, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and his wife, Edith, reside in Chambersburg, PA. They have eleven grown children, thirty-two grandchildren, and one great grand-son.

Mr. von Jess has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2005.