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***DAN “FIG” LEAF***

***LIEUTENANT GENERAL (Ret.)***

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Dan “Fig” Leaf became the Director, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) in January 2012. Prior to that, he worked in the defense industry as vice president of full spectrum initiatives at Northrop Grumman Information Systems. Formerly the Deputy Commander of U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), Lt. Gen. Leaf retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2008 after more than 33 years of service. Other assignments during his Air Force career included Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command, Air Force Director of Operational Requirements, and multiple commands at squadron, group and wing levels. He was a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board from 2009 through 2011. Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leaf was a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, including F-15 and F-16 combat missions. His decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

A native of Shawano, Wisconsin, Lt. Gen. Leaf earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the university's Air Force ROTC program in 1974. He also graduated with distinction from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He earned a master's degree in military art and science from the Command and General Staff College where he also served as a member of the faculty instructing Research Methodology and core Air Force courses, and serving as a thesis chairman for several masters candidates.

Lt. Gen. Leaf's Asia-Pacific experience includes his time at U. S. Pacific Command, a previous tour of duty at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, four years of duty assignments in both Korea and Japan, and temporary military duty across the region. As a civilian, he worked as a national exercise senior observer for USPACOM, and at Northrop Grumman gained industry experience with several Asia-Pacific customers.

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