



David Pond

David Pond is the chair of the board directors and chief of the security team at the Out of Eden Walk Project. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2014 following a 29-year career, during which he served as a pilot, Pentagon staff officer, military diplomat, and peacekeeping advisor and retired as a colonel. Pond was a negotiator on the U.S. team for the Darfur, Sudan peace talks, and led the U.S. Peacekeeping Advisor Team in Darfur. At the Pentagon, he helped lead the Presidential Flight Support program, as well as leading the African affairs division for the Secretary of the Air Force. As a pilot in the Air Force, Pond flew air-refueling tankers in combat in 1991, served as a VIP pilot

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