

Eugene L. Tattini, Deputy Director of JPL



Eugene L. "Gene" Tattini was appointed Deputy Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in July 2001. At JPL he is the Laboratory's Chief Operating Officer responsible to the Director for the day-to-day management of JPL's resources and activities, this includes managing the Laboratory's solar system exploration, Mars, astronomy, physics, Earth science, and interplanetary network programs, and all business operations. These activities employ 5000 scientists, engineers, technicians, and business support personnel, and generate \$1.5 billion in annual revenues.

Prior to his retirement from the Air Force and his appointment as JPL Deputy Director, Lt. Gen. Tattini was commander, Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), Los Angeles Air Force Base, California. He was responsible for managing the research, design, development, and acquisition of space launch, command and control, and satellite systems. The Center employed more than 3, 200 people nationwide and had an annual total obligation authority in excess of \$5 billion.

Lt. Gen. Tattini was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and graduated from Hampton (Virginia) High School in 1961. A distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Illinois, he entered the Air Force as a second lieutenant in 1965. He also holds a MBA from Oklahoma City University, and certificates from both the Air War College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was selected to attend the Executive Development programs at both Cornell University and Harvard University.

His 36 year military career included twenty separate assignments ranging from Minuteman II missile combat crew member at Grand Forks Base, ND to an Air Staff Acquisition Policy Staff Officer in the Pentagon. His oversea assignments were in Wheelus Air Base, Tripoli, Libya and Kwang Ju Air Base, Korea. During his career he was the program manager for over \$700 million in structural and avionics modifications to the B-52. He was a member of the development team that launched the first US anti-satellite weapon against a cooperating space target.

Education

1965 Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management, University of Illinois
1971 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1977 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1978 Master of Business Administration degree, Oklahoma City University
1979 Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
1985 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
1990 Executive Development Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
1995 Program for Senior Managers in Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Major Awards and Decorations

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal