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Bill Thomas joined Lockheed Martin in 2018 as the Capture Management Lead responsible for business development pursuits and customer engagement in Eastern and South Central Europe.

Prior to joining Lockheed Martin, Bill gained experience as an operational lead of a venture capital startup that provided high resolution imagery to Agriculture and Energy sectors. He also has experience in strategic development with General Atomics Aeronautical Systems where he did business development for Europe and U.S. government affairs.

Bill served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 25 years in several leadership positions including Secretariat of the Air Force for International Affairs Weapons and Technology Directorate building partner nation air forces capabilities and capacities. He commanded the 4th Mission Support Group, 4th Fighter Wing, leading 1,850 personnel, responsible for more than \$60M annual operating budget; directed operations for the U.S. Air Forces Central/Central Command leading joint combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa areas of operations. An experienced combat pilot, he has over 3,200 hours of flight time, most of it in the F-16.

Bill graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Astronautical Engineering. He also has a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.