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**Retired Lt. Col. Jennifer N. Pritzker**

**President and CEO of TAWANI Enterprises, Inc., Founder and President of TAWANI Foundation, Founder and President of the Pritzker Military Foundation and Founder and Chair of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library**

**Area of Expertise:**

* Community Development
* Historic Preservation and Sustainability
* Military History
* Property Investment
* Entrepreneurism
* Leadership
* Philanthropy
* Portfolio Management
* Property Management

**Biography:**

Jennifer N. Pritzker is a retired Lt. Col. of the United States Army, esteemed historian, businesswoman and investor, developer and philanthropist, who founded TAWANI Enterprises, an investment group specializing in the development, investment, management and preservation of real estate properties in the Chicago area. Pritzker represents more than six companies under the TAWANI brand, including the [Stone Heritage Collection](http://stoneheritageproperties.com/), a luxury group of historic Bed & Breakfast properties and unique event spaces, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, the TAWANI Foundation and the Pritzker Military Foundation. Properties under the Stone Heritage Collection include Stone Terrace, Stone Porch by the Lake, Lang House, The Emil Bach House and The Lincoln Way Inn. She is also responsible for the total restoration of the historic Monroe Building.

Pritzker is fully committed to each endeavor she engages in and is guided by her core belief that it is important to build inherent value in any business entity one owns. As an investor and philanthropist, she is passionate about restoration, preservation, and property management. Pritzker isn’t afraid to take calculated risks. She invests for impact in ways that not only positively impact the community, but in ways that are deeply meaningful to her life. Pritzker has been honored with several awards for architectural excellence and preservation because of her efforts, including the 2017 Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) Award for Architectural Excellence, the 2017 Design Evanston award for Stone Terrace, the 2016 Legendary Landmark by Landmarks Illinois and the 2016 Margery B. Perkins Award by the City of Evanston, Illinois.

Before TAWANI, Pritzker served in the military for numerous years. Her military career began with an enlistment in the U.S. Army as a private in 1974, where she served with the 82nd Airborne Division. She continued to serve active duty until 1985, where she rose to the rank of captain serving with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY and VII Corps in the Federal Republic of Germany. She then served in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Illinois Army National Guard until her retirement in March 2001. She retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and received an honorary promotion to full Colonel in the Illinois Army National Guard. She has been honored with more than 20 military awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Pritzker participated in four expeditions to Antarctica and the South Pole between 2000 and 2008 with astronauts Dr. Owen Garriot and Captain James Lovell, and Dr. Birgit Sattler, the first Austrian female to visit the South Pole. Pritzker is the 2005 recipient of the City of Chicago’s John A. Logan Patriot Award, an Honorary Doctorate of Military Science from Norwich University in 2007, and the 2012 Damen Award from Loyola University Chicago.

Pritzker is extensively involved in philanthropic work, currently serving on multiple boards such as the USO of Illinois, the National Strategy Forum, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, the Pritzker Military Foundation, the TAWANI Foundation, Squadron Holdings LLC, and the Leadership Council for the Program in Human Sexuality Medical School of the University of Minnesota.

Pritzker is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago with a B.A. in History, as well as the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Chemical Officer Advance Course, the Quartermaster Officer Advance Course, and Command and General Staff College. Pritzker lives in Chicago and has three children, daughter Tal Hava Pritzker and sons Andrew and William, and two grandchildren. The name TAWANI was created using a combination of her children’s first names.

For more information about retired Lt. Col. Jennifer Pritzker and TAWANI Enterprises visit <http://tawanienterprises.com>.

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