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Maj Gen Nichols, serves as the lead in directing military affairs strategies with support from a realigned Military Affairs Council Board on behalf of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and its partners.

Maj Gen Nichols retired from the United States Air Force in September 2024 with extensive experience across numerous Air Force and Joint positions. After receiving his commission through the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1992, Nichols attended Intelligence Officer training at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas after which he served four subsequent assignments in the U.S. and Europe. During his career he spent more time at Dyess AFB than any other assignment serving as a B-1 pilot, Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot in the 9th Bomb Squadron and commanding the 28th Bomb Squadron.