



Keirn C. Brown Jr. '69 ~ Burke, VA

K.C. served 30 years on active duty as an Infantryman and strategist, retiring as Director for European Affairs on the National Security Council. Previously, he was military assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Earlier he served as a platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division, commanded rifle companies in Vietnam and Germany, and led a battalion in the Berlin Brigade. He was additionally a Ranger instructor and served at divisional and corps headquarters in Europe, as well on the personal staffs of the Army Chief of Staff and the Supreme Allied Commander Europe. K.C. completed graduate studies at Mainz University before returning to West Point as a German instructor. K.C. holds an M.A., from Middlebury College,

attended the Naval Staff College and the Army War College and was a fellow at Harvard's Center for International Affairs.

Upon retirement, K.C. spent 13 years as an aerospace executive with Northrop Grumman Corporation before retiring again in 2013. With the RAND Corporation since 2014, he conducts defense institutional reform efforts in Africa and the Middle East. He also holds key positions in the community, serving on the Board of the Army Scholarship Foundation and as an active supporter of the Army Historical Foundation, the Army Distaff Foundation and Our Military Kids, a non-profit providing extracurricular activity grants to children of deployed reservists. He lends his voice to the West Point Alumni Glee Club and organizes the reunions of his War College class.

Since graduation, K.C. has maintained a strong affiliation with West Point. He and his wife, Joan, have established a generous record of lifetime giving as members of the Hap Arnold Society and the Superintendent's Circle, as well as contributing annually to the Army A Club, the Long Gray Line Fund, the Glee Club and his Class Gift Fund. A lifetime member of the West Point Society of DC and the National Capital Region, he represents his class on the WPSDC leadership council.

Particularly active on behalf of his class, K.C. led their 50-Year Affiliation Program and serves as their communications and social chair. He organized the 40th reunion, initiated annual mini-reunions and co-sponsors quarterly class luncheons. He also helped produce their Class Legacy Book, published to great acclaim in 2015.

K.C. and Joan have three adult children with families of their own. Their son Clarke is an Infantry major assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Currently serving on the WPAOG Advisory Council as a member of the Thayer Award and Development committees, K.C. feels deeply privileged to have been nominated and is excited by the prospect of continuing to serve West Point, its graduates and the Corps as a member of the WPAOG Board of Directors.