



### **Keirn C. Brown Jr.'69**

A proud member of the Class of 1969, K.C. embarked on his current career with the RAND Corporation in 2014, conducting security sector reform efforts abroad for the U.S. Government. Previously, he was an aerospace executive with Northrop Grumman for thirteen years. At WPAOG, he was on the Advisory Council from 2016-2019, serving on the Development and Thayer Award committees. As a member of the Board of Directors since 2020, he has led the Distinguished Graduate Award Committee and served on the Government and Board Affairs Committee. He currently chairs the Development and Ethics Committees. KC is a life member of the West Point Societies of N.Y. and D.C. On the latter, he serves as a Board Advisor. He is the communications lead in his class and has chaired the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion and their 50-Year Affiliation Program with the USMA 2019. K.C. also serves on the Board of the Army Scholarship Foundation.

Supporters of the Superintendent's Fund, the Army A Club, the Long Gray Line Fund, and the Cadet Glee Club, K.C., and his wife Joan are members of the Benjamin Davis Society and annually sponsor a Semester Abroad for a deserving cadet.

During a thirty-year Army career, K.C. served from platoon to Presidential level. In his final assignment, he was the Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council. An Infantryman and strategist, his prior assignment was Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He began his military career as a platoon leader in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He commanded a rifle company in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam, a second company in Germany, and a battalion in the Berlin Brigade. K.C. was a Ranger instructor, taught German at West Point, and served at divisional and corps headquarters in Europe and on the personal staffs of the Army Chief of Staff and the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Following two years of graduate study at Mainz University, K.C. received an M.A. in German from Middlebury College in 1979. A graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff and the Army War College, he attended the Executive Leadership Program at Duke's Fuqua School of Business, MIT's Seminar XXI. He held a year's Fellowship at Harvard's Center for International Affairs.

Among his awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, the Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

K.C. and Joan reside in Burke, Virginia, where they are active in the community. Their growing family consists of three adult children and seven grandchildren aged seven to twenty-two. Their son is an Army Lieutenant Colonel serving in the Pentagon.