



Keirn C. Brown '69

A proud member of the Class of 1969, KC embarked on his current career with the RAND Corporation in 2014, conducting security sector reform efforts abroad. Previously, he was an aerospace executive with Northrop Grumman for 13 years. At WPAOG, he was on the Advisory Council from 2016 to 2019, serving on the Development and Thayer Award committees. Since 2020, he has led the Distinguished Graduate Award Committee and served on the Governance and Board Affairs Committee. He currently chairs the Development and Ethics Committees. K.C. is a life member of the West Point Societies of NY and DC. On the latter, he serves as a Board Advisor. He is the communications lead for his class, sponsoring luncheons and quarterly Class Zooms, having previously chaired the 40th reunion and their 50-Year Affiliation Program with the class of 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, the Rabble Rouser, and the Cadet Glee Club, KC and Joan are members of the Benjamin Davis Society and annually sponsor a Semester Abroad for a deserving cadet.

During a 30-year Army career, K.C. served from platoon to presidential level. In his final assignment, he was 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 82nd Airborne Division. He commanded a rifle company in the 101st 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 USMA, and served at divisional and corps headquarters in Europe and on the personal staffs of the Army Chief of Staff and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Following study at Mainz University, K.C. received an M.A. in German from Middlebury College in 1979. A graduate of the Naval Command and Staff College and the Army War College, he attended the Executive Leadership Program at Duke's Fuqua School of Business and 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, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Inspired by West Point's indelible lessons and values, KC draws strength from the shared experiences and cherished ideals that bind us to one another and our Rockbound Highland Home. He is honored by the opportunity to continue supporting the Academy and our fellow graduates as a Board member and pledges to serve with wisdom, acumen, determination, and boundless energy.