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The U.S. Army War College leadership, faculty, staff and students celebrated the institution's 112<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dec. 9, 2013, by honoring four Outstanding USAWC Alumni whose exceptional service following retirement reflects the values and strategic vision fostered by the Army War College education. The outstanding alumni reflect both the resident and distance education programs of the Army's senior level college; they include the first women to be recognized as USAWC Outstanding Alumni.

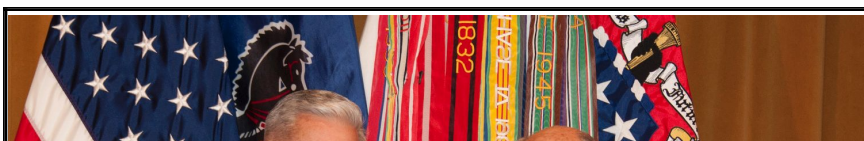
The Outstanding Alumni Program has selected 23 USAWC graduates for recognition of their substantial contributions made after retirement from government service, accomplished through community or volunteer service.

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**Retired Army Lt. Gen. Richard G. Trefry:**



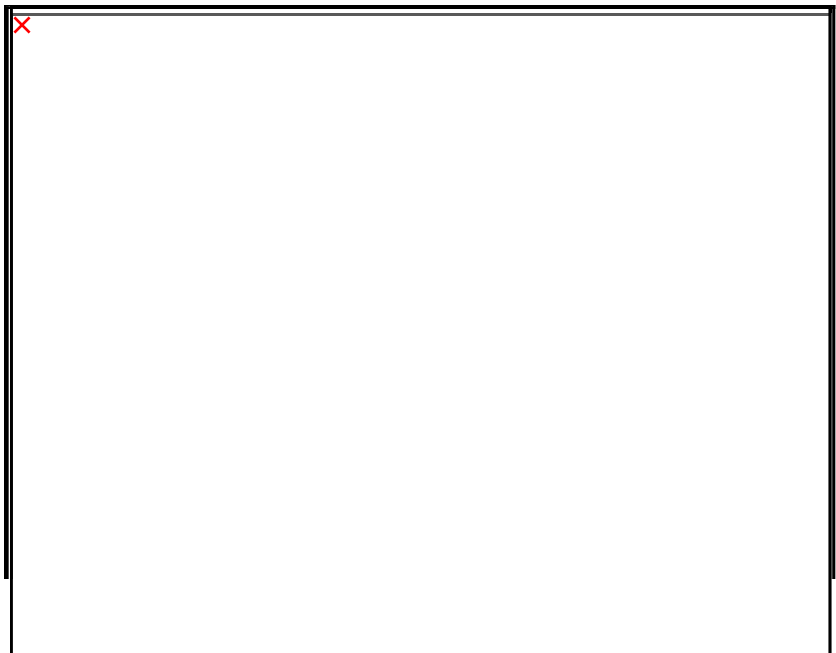
Trefry graduated from the Army War College in 1969 and retired after spending 33 years in the military. He has spent the last 30 years selflessly contributing to the nation and local community in various capacities, including serving as military assistant for President George H.W. Bush, serving on the Board of the Army Emergency Relief, assisting in

starting a world-class library and more.

Lt. Gen. Trefry's exceptional service cannot be detailed in a brief summary, said Retired **Army Maj. Gen. William F. Ward**. "He has served Soldiers and their Families for generations, consistently working to leave the organizations better than he found them," he said.

**Retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Arter:**

Arter graduated from the Army War College in 1971 and retired after spending 36 years in the military. He has spent the last 27 years selflessly contributing to the nation and local community in various capacities,



including reviewing Kansas' state, municipal, county and volunteer

agencies emergency management capabilities, serving as a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, serving as the Frontier Army Museum Association president and more.

After retirement, Lt. Gen. Arter became engaged in many activities and organizations where his outstanding leadership and experience have had major impacts, said Retired Army **Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg**. "Lt. Gen. Arter exemplifies the very best in post active-duty military service leadership, commitment and service," he said.



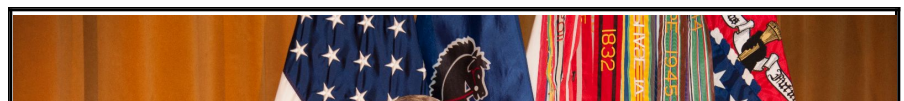
**Retired Brig. Gen.  
Clara L. Adams-Ender:**

Adams-Ender graduated from the Army War College in 1982 and retired after spending 34 years in the military. She

has spent the last 20 years selflessly contributing to the nation and local community in various capacities, including serving on the Board of Visitors for her alma mater, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, overseeing the credentialing, continuing education and disciplining of health care professionals on the Virginia State Board of Medicine and mentoring and providing professional career development to ROTC students and more.

In retirement, she has continued her dynamic, selfless public service, said Retired **Maj. Gen. Robert C. Gaskill**. "Brig. Gen. Adams-Ender is that special kind of team member, and team leader, who designs and implements strategies to get tough jobs done right – even when much of her professional service is pro bono," he said. "She makes her colleagues proud."

**Retired Army Col. and Dr.  
Sharon I. Richie:**



Richie graduated from the Army War College in 1988 and retired after spending 26 years in the military. She has spent the last 17 years selflessly contributing to the nation and local community in various capacities, including providing trauma care for veterans in need, volunteering at veterans' homeless shelters, serving on the Board of Directors of the Emergency Mental Health Services and Women Veteran Support Services and more



She deserves to be recognized by the Army War College Alumni Association, said Retired **Brig. Gen. Jerry L. Neff**. “Col. Richie’s volunteer service to her community, state and nation in the past 17 years has made a significant, long-term contribution and impact for the benefit of the people of the United States of America,” he said.

Today, the U.S. Army War College offers multiple programs of education at the strategic level. The senior level college education delivered by the Army majors hone the craft of a strategist in the Basic Strategic Art Program. War College graduates serving in critical strategic positions refine skills and understanding of the strategic environment during the Senior Leader Seminar. The War College now offers several strategic education programs for general officers: the Combined/Joint Forces Land Component Command Course; the Joint Service Reserve Component Officer Course; and the Senior Leader Seminar-II course to be piloted at The War College at Carlisle Barracks in Spring 2014.