

Army War College grads set the standard for selfless service

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The USAWC outstanding alumni are bookend by Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Hummel and Commandant Maj. Gen. John Kem after the outstanding alumni presentation, Bliss Hall, Nov. 13

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Nov. 13, 2018 – The Army War College celebrated its 117th anniversary and the legacy of leadership by its alumni – with special honors for four outstanding grads. These alumni were singled out for their exceptional service following military retirement that continues to reflect the values and strategic vision fostered by the Army War College. The event took place in Bliss Hall.

The ceremony began with Maj. Gen. John Kem, Commandant of the U.S. Army War College, giving a brief history of the original rationale for an Army War College. Because of numerous failures during the Spanish-American of 1898, then-Secretary of War Elihu Root established the Army War College in 1901. Root directed the War College to instruct senior officers in the science of war, and in all matters pertaining to the application of military science and the national defense, he said.

“Now, 117 years later, this still guides the development of our strategic leader of our Army,” said Kem. “Pretty amazing if you think about it -- the things he called for and asked for still resonate today and I would not change any of them.”

“Every graduate from here has enormous potential and we expect as you graduate to make a difference and truly have a strategic impact,” said Kem, introducing the Army War College’s outstanding alumni program, recognizing those who have continued to contribute after having served in the military.

“For these graduates, achieving their highest rank was not enough, they continued to seek other ways to serve. They have set the standard for selfless service,” said Kem.

The four outstanding alumni for 2018 are retired Col. Lucretia M. McClenney, 1996 U.S. Army War College Fellow; retired Brig. Gen. George B. Price, Class of 1971; retired Maj. Gen. Arthur T. Dean, Class of 1986; and retired Brig. Gen. Richard F. Allen, Class of 1983. They join the ranks of 47 outstanding alumni whose contributions to community and service have inspired nomination from fellow alumni.

Retired Col Lucretia M. McClenney, 1996 U.S. Army War College Fellow

As the director of the Veterans Affairs’ Center for Minority Veterans, McClenney’s efforts resulted in the VA establishing an Office of Health Equity. She recently began service on the Former POW Advisory Board of the VA and assists with other VA working groups. She is a frequent keynote speaker for ceremonial events to recognize and honor Vietnam Vets and their families. Her passion for serving veterans led her and a fellow veteran to establish a Veterans Ministry at their place of worship. She continues to serve as instructor, executive coach and mentor for the Brookings Institute Executive Fellowship Program and for the Murray State University Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series. An active and long-time life member of The R.O.C.K.S., Inc., she provides mentoring and other professional career development to its members and leadership outreach to ROTC students and others in pre-commissioning programs.

Retired Brig. Gen. George B. Price, Class of 1971

Since his military retirement in 1978 as Chief of Staff, First U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md, Price put his passion for education and service to others

to work in multiple professional, patriotic, mentoring, and civic organizations. He has been a devoted believer of JROTC programs in the high school experience and, specifically, a long-time supporter of South Carolina State University's ROTC Program. As president of the national organization, The R.O.C.K.S., Inc., he oversaw changes to extend membership to all commissioned and warrant officer ranks from all components of the Army and to Army ROTC cadets. He is a founding member of the Howard County Maryland Police Foundation, an organization to support the Police Department in those areas of need beyond the county budget. He was a key supporter of the Buffalo Soldier Monument Committee at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Retired Maj. Gen. Arthur T. Dean, Class of 1986

Dean retired in 1998 from his final assignment as director of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, Department of the Army. Since then, he has devoted himself to the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) as Chairman and CEO of this leading substance abuse prevention organization. In more than 20 years of his leadership, CADCA has grown its coalition from 25 hundred to nearly 6 thousand member organizations; it has started an International Programs division, resulting in coalitions in 22 countries; it has grown the "Drug Free Communities" Federal program from \$10 million to \$93 million reaching over 2 thousand communities. He has served on the President's Commission on Drug-Free Communities, the National Institute on Drug Abuse Advisory Board, the Executive Committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Board of Directors (where he serves as Chairman), and as a member of ASAE's key Philanthropic Organization Committee.

Ret. Brig. Gen. Richard F. Allen, Class of 1983

Retiring in 1989 as Commander, 3rd Transportation Brigade, U.S. Army Reserve, Allen has continued to dedicate himself as a citizen-soldier. In 1990, when a flood destroyed many structures in Elba, Alabama, he chaired a State Bar Task Force to develop a comprehensive plan for future disasters. In 1995, he was appointed Chief Deputy Attorney General for the State of Alabama, and served in that capacity for 11 years, under four Attorneys General. As Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Alabama from 1999-2003, he also served as State Chair of the Committee to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.