



Biography

Major General William Kirkland, US Army, Retired

General Kirkland was commissioned a second lieutenant of Armor through the Army ROTC at North Carolina State University in May 1976. His assignments are too numerous to catalogue here. Notably, he served with United States Army, Istanbul, Turkey; 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood Texas; 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; and overseas assignments in Korea, Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

His family has a military legacy traceable to family ancestors with service in the American Civil War, the famed 10th Cavalry Regiment during the American Westward Continental Expansion, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

General Kirkland retired from the US Army after 34 years' service. In civilian life, General Kirkland was a Program Engineer with Sundstrand-Hamilton Aviation, Rockford, Illinois, and Pratt & Whitney Auto-Air Aerospace, Lansing, Michigan. He also was the Chief of Police in the Village of Sunfield, Michigan and later served as a Reserve Sheriff Deputy in Eaton County, Michigan.

General Kirkland is a graduate of the Army Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Army Nuclear Weapons course, Armor Officer Advance Course, Basic Airborne Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Army War College and General Officers Senior Leader Course.

General Kirkland holds a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University, and a Master's Degree in Global Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

General Kirkland's awards include the Legion of Merit (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Secretary of Defense Staff Badge.

General Kirkland is married to Judy E. Myers of Portland, Michigan and currently resides in Hope Mills, North Carolina.

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Major General William Kirkland
US Army, Retired
Guest Speaker

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May 2, 2025



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Dr. Charles E. Pimble Honorary Scholarship

Cadet Laura P. Trivett
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Cadet Anaisa L. Lopez
Westover High School, Fayetteville, North Carolina

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Cadet Leslie Y. S. Flores
Lumberton Senior High School, Lumberton, North Carolina

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Agenda

- Reception
- Call Meeting to Order
- National Anthem *
- Invocation*
- Welcome to Special Guests
- Lunch
- Introduction of Guest Speaker
- Speaker's Address
- Presentation of Scholarships
- Closing Remarks
- Benediction*
- Adjournment

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