

WALLACE C. ARNOLD

Major General Wallace C. Arnold has completed nearly fifty years of public service, service in private industry and higher education. He is a native Virginian who was born in Washington, D. C. and spent the early years of his life near Warrenton, Virginia. Upon graduation from Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education. His military education includes completion of the Air Defense Artillery School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College. He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions, culminating as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army. Other key assignments were Commander, United States Army ROTC Cadet Command; Commander, First Region, United States Army ROTC Cadet Command; Director for Personnel and Administration, United States European Command; Commander, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 32nd Army Air Defense Command, United States Army Europe; Inspector General, VII Corps, United States Army Europe.

General Arnold served in a variety of important career building assignments. In 1969, he was sent to Vietnam and served as Chief Psychological Operations Division, XXIV Corps, in support of several Republic of Vietnam combat divisions and the Vietnamese Information Service. In 1974 he was assigned to United States Army Europe where he commanded the 3rd Battalion, 61st Air Defense Artillery, 3rd Armored Division. In 1977, he was assigned to the Army Staff in the Pentagon as a Computer Systems Software and Analysis Officer in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Automation and Communications. From 1979 to 1981 he served as Military Assistant and Executive Officer in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Army.

General Arnold retired after more than thirty-four (34) years of service on June 30, 1995. He subsequently joined Information Technology Solutions, Inc. as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. He was the Regional Director for Business Development for Computer Sciences Corporation in Hampton, Virginia. Afterward, he served as the Director, Hampton University Technical Data Management Laboratory. From January 2004 to June 2007, he was the Interim President of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, the oldest historically Black institution of higher learning. Currently he is Director of Technical Development at Hampton University and also a Senior Consultant in private industry and government.

He has contributed and continues to contribute to his community and country in numerous capacities. Several are: Deacon, First Baptist Church, Hampton, VA; Board of Directors, Piney Woods School, Piney Woods, MS; Executive Board, Colonial Boy Scout Council; member, City of Hampton (VA) Industrial Development Authority; Board of Directors, Greater Hampton Roads Boys' and Girls' Clubs; member of the Hampton (City) Strategic Planning Oversight Committee; member of the governor's Pennsylvania Military Operations Committee; member of the Virginia commission of Veterans' Affairs; member of a Base Closure Task Force established by Congresswoman JoAnn Davis, 1st District, VA; member of the Board of Directors, Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, VA; and past president of the Hampton Rotary Club.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with Oak leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Other awards and affiliation include: Hampton University Distinguished Alumni Award; Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award at the NAACP National Convention in 1990; Douglas MacArthur Distinguished Service Award from the Association of the U. S. Army; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Campbell University.

He is married to Earlene Costner Arnold; they have two daughters, Sheila and Stephanie, and one grandson, Krisstopher.