

William S. Wallace, General, US Army (Retired)

General Wallace retired from active duty on 1 January 2009 after 39 ½ years of active service that spanned 5 decades. Since his retirement, General Wallace has served as an independent defense consultant operating out of his home in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors of FLYER Next, LLC. And is a past member of the Boards of Directors of Oshkosh Corporation (2010-2021) and CACI International (2009-2024).

General Wallace was born in Chicago, Illinois on 31 December 1946. He was commissioned as an Armor officer from the United States Military Academy in 1969. General Wallace holds Masters Degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School in Operations Research, Salve Regina University in International Relations, and from the Naval War College in National Security Affairs.

General Wallace's last US Army assignment was as Commander, US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) where he was responsible for 32 Army schools across 16 installations and for recruiting, training and educating Army Soldiers; developing its leaders; supporting training in units; developing doctrine; establishing standards; and building the future Army.

General Wallace has commanded at every level from platoon to Corps and on two separate occasions led Soldiers in combat. In 2003 as the V Corps Commander, General Wallace led 140,000 soldiers in the coalition attack to Baghdad in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 1972, he served as a military advisor to the Vietnamese Army in Bac Lieu Province.

General Wallace's first assignment was as a platoon leader and a troop executive officer in the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Meade. After returning from his first combat tour, he commanded a tank company and held staff positions in the 82nd Airborne Division's light tank battalion.

He served a total of 9 years in the Federal Republic of Germany. During the Cold War with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment he served in various staff assignments and as the Commander of the Regiment's 3rd Squadron. Following an assignment as the Senior Armor Trainer and Chief of Staff of the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, General Wallace returned to Germany in 1992 to command the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda. He returned to Fort Irwin in 1994 as the Commander of the NTC's Operations Group and later became the Commander of the NTC.

In 1997, General Wallace took command of the Army's Experimental Force (EXFOR) and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Following division command, he served as Commander, Joint Warfighting Center and Director, Joint Training J-7, in US Joint Forces Command. In 2001, General Wallace Returned to Germany to assume command of V Corps. Following Corps command, General Wallace commanded the Army's Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

General Wallace is a graduate of numerous military schools to include the Army's Command and Staff College and the Naval War College. His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, foreign awards from the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Vietnam and the Republic of Korea, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

In 2018 General Wallace was named a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy. Later that same year he was inducted into the US Army's Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame, and the US Army Armor School honored him by hanging his portrait in the halls of the school as an Armored Force leader of distinction.