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Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Robert C. Kane

Class of 1979



Major General Robert Kane completed a distinguished military career, retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 2013 as director, Global Reach Programs, HQ USAF, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He oversaw strategic planning and trade space analysis for the USAF's \$53 billion portfolio of more than 2,500 cargo, air refueling, special operations, training and executive airlift aircraft. Prior to this assignment, he served as commandant of the Air War College, the Air Force's senior professional military education institution, providing post-graduate senior leader development.

Kane served in Iraq, Germany, Korea and Turkey in a wide variety of operational and staff assignments. He served in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM as commanding general of the Coalition Air Force Transition Team in Baghdad, Iraq, responsible for coalition efforts to rebuild the Iraqi air force. As commander of the 86th Airlift Wing and Kaiserslautern Military Community, he led the

Ramstein Air Base Germany community to win the 2006 Commander in Chief Annual Award for Installation Excellence – best U.S. Air Force base in the world.

Kane is a command pilot. He earned numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal. In 2005, he won the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Special Achievement Award for Commander Support.

Additional degrees: M.S., University of Southern California, Los Angeles