



**Major General
William C. Kirkland
Commanding General
84th Training Command (Leader Readiness)**

Major General William C. Kirkland was born in Dothan, Alabama on October 13, 1953 to Master Sergeant (Retired) Jesse and Luella Kirkland. He graduated from Reid Ross High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1971. Major General Kirkland attended North Carolina State University where he completed a Bachelors Degree in Engineering Operations in 1976. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at North Carolina State University in 1976. Major General Kirkland finished in the top 10% of his ROTC graduating class and was designated as a “Distinguished Military Graduate”.

Major General Kirkland has held 15 assignments during his 30-year military career. For 15 of those 30 years he has commanded troops in diverse assignments that include: A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 337th Cavalry Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 84th Infantry Regiment; 1st Brigade, 84th Division (Training); 1st Brigade, Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT), 84th Division (Institutional Training); Assistant Division Commander, 84th Division (Institutional Training); 88th Regional Support Group Commanding General, and his current assignment as Commanding General, 84th Training Command (Leader Readiness).

Major General Kirkland has also been assigned to challenging staff positions that include: Operations Officer, 3d Squadron, 337th Cavalry Regiment; Executive Officer, 3d Battalion, 85th Infantry Regiment; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations (Schools), 84th Division (Institutional Training).

Major General Kirkland is a graduate of the Ordnance School Basic Course, the Armor School Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College where he received a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies.

Major General Kirkland’s awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

Major General Kirkland is married to the former Delia Hawley of Oxford, North Carolina. The Kirklands have a son and two daughters. Their son, Anthony graduated from Arizona State University. Kathleen, their oldest daughter graduated from University of Michigan and Charyl, their youngest daughter attends the University of Michigan Law School.

Major General Kirkland is the Vice President of Operations at Hill Petro Products (HPP) located in Riverdale, Georgia.