

General William E. "Kip" Ward

Commander, United States Africa Command

General William E. (Kip) Ward became the first commander of US Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, on October 1, 2007.



General Ward and his wife, Joyce (Lewis), graduated from Morgan State University on June 6, 1971. Both are life members of the Morgan State University National Alumni Association. Mrs. Ward came to Morgan from Lawrenceville, Virginia while General Ward is a Baltimore native. Mrs. Ward finished her undergraduate studies in 3½ years, graduating with a BS degree in Business Management. General Ward received a BA in Political Science. They were married on the 3rd of April 1971 on Morgan's campus in what was then called the Christian Center. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

General Ward was commissioned into the Infantry in June 1971. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, US Army Command and General Staff College, and US Army War College. He holds a Masters of Arts Degree in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University in addition to his degree from Morgan. His military service has included overseas tours in Korea, Egypt, Somalia, Bosnia, Israel, two tours in Germany, and a wide variety of assignments in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Prior to assuming his current position, Ward was Deputy Commander, Headquarters US European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He previously served as the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, US Army Europe and Seventh Army. While in this capacity he was selected by the Secretary of State to serve as the United States Security Coordinator, Israel - Palestinian Authority where he served from March through December 2005.