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Dr. King serves as the chief academic officer for the United States Army's Command and General Staff College. The college has a 125 year tradition of educating military officers on national security and the art of war. Dr. King directs a college faculty of over 400 personnel, organized into four separate schools, all with the mission of developing Army leaders for service to the Nation.

Dr. W. Chris King was commissioned into the Ordnance Corps in 1972 after completing his B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Tennessee Technological University. In 1974 he completed his M.S. in Civil Engineering (environmental) and entered active duty as a sanitary engineer in the Medical Service Corps. His first assignment was with the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, serving as a project leader providing environmental consultative support to Army installations worldwide. His next assignment was as an engineer staff officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff Engineers, Headquarters US Army Europe. In Europe he developed engineering solutions for air, water, and noise problems. After the AMEDD advanced course, Dr. King was assigned as Project Manager and Assistant Division Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers Division, Huntsville, AL. He was the project manager for the design of the Johnston Island Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. As the Assistant Division Commander, he was the government contracting officer for 42 million dollars in environmental services contracts supporting military installations throughout the Army. In 1985 Dr. King was selected by the Army to return to school to complete a Ph.D. in environmental engineering, which he earned at the University of Tennessee in 1988. His next assignment was as Chief, Environmental Health Engineering Division, US Army Environmental Hygiene Activity-West, Aurora, CO. This organization provided environmental engineering and industrial hygiene support to US Army installations in a 23-state area. In 1991 he deployed as the Officer in Charge of the Southwest Asia Health Risk Assessment Team. The mission for this unit was to determine health risk to US troops exposed to the smoke from the Kuwait oil fires and to support the restoration of Kuwait.

In November 1991 Dr King was selected to be Academy Professor and Program Director of the Environmental Engineering Program at the United States Military Academy. He led the development of a fully accredited environmental engineering major for USMA. In 1995 he was promoted to Professor of Environmental Engineering. In 1998 Congress approved his presidential nomination to be Professor and Head of the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. Dr King directed a faculty of 33 in educating cadets of the geographic and environmental sciences, while preparing them for leadership in our Army.

In 1994 Dr. King was assigned to the Army Chief of Staff's crisis action team for the Rwanda relief mission as the medical operations planner. Based on his analysis and planning for the mission, he was assigned to the deploying headquarters for Operation

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Support Hope. In 2005 Dr. King deployed to Afghanistan to the Office of Military Cooperation to assist in the development of the new Afghanistan Military Academy. Dr. King designed curriculum, scheduled the first classes, helped receive the first cadets, and managed to start the first academic program in March of 2005.

Dr. King has authored two books, his most recent being Understanding International Environmental Security: A Strategic Military Perspective. He has published more than 30 journal articles, dozens of scientific reports, and lectured at more than 50 professional conferences. He won both the American Academy of Environmental Engineering Honor Award in 1992 for his work on the Kuwait health risk assessment and the Army Science Award for outstanding research for his work in geophysical remote sensing. In 2000, he completed his M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College. Dr. King is a licensed professional engineer and a diplomat of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers with a specialty in hazardous waste management. He serves as a subject matter expert to NATO and OSCE on cleanup of military hazardous wastes and restoration of closed military facilities in East Europe.

Dr. King retired from active duty in August 2006 after over 32 years of active service; he retired at the rank of brigadier general. His highest military award is the Distinguished Service Medal.