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Salute the 18th Commanding General of the United States Army Material Command: Dennis L. Via



The brothers of the Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. are proud to salute our brothers in the military who serve and have served as the frontline protectors of our freedoms at home and abroad. We are especially proud of the fourteen AF brothers who successfully climbed the ranks and were commissioned as generals. Most notable of this esteemed cadre of leaders is Brother General Dennis L. Via, former United States four-star general, last serving as the 18th commanding general of the United States Army Material Command.

Brother General Via, a 1978 initiate of the Alpha Phi chapter at Virginia State University, is a native of Martinsville, VA. Graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate, General Via went on to complete a Master's degree from Boston University, graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1991, and the U.S. Army War College in 1999. Throughout his travels, General Via has remained an active and dedicated member of the Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni chapter, and was bestowed the 72nd Laurel Wreath Laureate in 2015, the highest award in Kappa Alpha Psi.

While Brother Via has received numerous awards and decorations, his proudest achievement is his lovely wife Linda, and two sons Brian and Bradley, both members of our noble fraternity. We celebrate your thirty-seven years of service and we salute you.



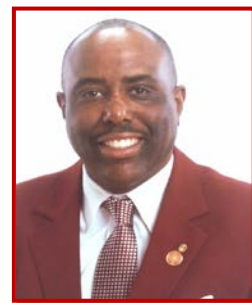
(Front) Dennis L. Via, General US Army; (Left) Aundre Piggee, Lt. General US Army; (Right) Leslie Smith, Major General US Army; (Back) Charles Hamilton, Brigadier General US Army



Polemarch Message

Brothers,

On behalf of the Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter I would like to recognize General Dennis L. Via and all the brothers that serve and have served in the armed forces. We thank you for your commitment and service to our country as well as to our fraternity. Your achievements both professionally and fraternally are to be acknowledged and honored. We salute you Brother Via and thank your wife Linda, and two sons Brian and Bradley for their support and loyalty throughout your career. Once again, congratulations and best wishes as you embark upon another journey.



Todd Morehead
21st Polemarch
Alexandria-Fairfax (VA) Alumni Chapter
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On September 29th, 2016 Brother Lieutenant General Aundre F. Piggee of the U.S. Army received his third star during a promotion and swearing-in ceremony. Lt. General Piggee will serve as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Logistics, where he will oversee logistics policies, programs, and plans for the Army. Brother Piggee has served for 35 years, and is now one of only 50 Lieutenant Generals serving in the US Army.

Brother Piggee is a 1979 initiate of the Gamma Sigma chapter at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he earned his BS in Biology. He also holds a Master of Science in Materiel Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and his MSS in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.



AF 3-Star Generals

Richard Chambers
Lt. General US Army
(Retired)

Russell Davis
Lt. General USAF
(Retired)

Alfred Edmonds
Lt. General USAF
(Retired)

Aundre Piggee
Lt. General US Army



Brother Major General Leslie C. Smith is the newly appointed Deputy to the inspector general in the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Formally, Smith served as the commanding general of the US Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His other commands include leading a Field Artillery Battalion, a Chemical Battalion and a Chemical Brigade. Major General Smith has over nine awards and

decorations to include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Defense Services Meritorious Service Medal.

Brother Smith is a 1982 initiate of the Iota Pi chapter of Georgia Southern University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting, and was selected as a distinguished military graduate and branched as a Chemical officer. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science (MS) degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a MS degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.



AF 2-Star Generals

Calvin Franklin
Major General US Army
(Retired)

Hawthorne Proctor
Major General U.S. Army
(Retired)

Leslie Smith
Major General US Army

Clifford Stanley
Major General USMC
(Retired)



On July 13th, 2015 Brother Brig. General Charles R. Hamilton assumed command of the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support. Hamilton oversees a global workforce of 2,900 civilian and military personnel, who provide \$13 billion in support from food to engineering equipment to pharmaceuticals for America's warfighters and customers. He has received numerous awards to

include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (2nd Awd), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Awd), and the Meritorious Service Medal (9 OLC) to name a few.

Brother Hamilton is a 1990 initiate of the Fort Lee (VA) Alumni chapter, and the 16th Polemarch of the Alexandria – Fairfax (VA) Alumni chapter. Hamilton graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In 1988 he graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) as the Distinguished Military graduate. He also holds a Master in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a second Master in Military Studies from Marine Corps University. Hamilton's military education includes Senior Service College as a 2012 OSD Corporate Fellow, the Marine Command and Staff and the Joint Forces Staff College, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Course, and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. He has also completed Airborne, Air Assault and Rigger School.



AF 1-Star Generals

Donald Byrd
Brigadier General US
Army (Retired)

Donald J. Delandro
Brigadier General US
Army (Retired)

Lawrence Gillespie
Brigadier General US
Army (Retired)

Charles R. Hamilton
Brigadier General US
Army

Dion Lawrence
Brigadier General US
Army (Retired)

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