



and Acquisition until August 1981, overseeing the largest modernization program ever undertaken by the Army: “The Big Five.”

Upon promotion to General, he assumed command of the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command in Alexandria. He retired on 28 June 1984 with more than 35 years of faithful service to the nation.

After retiring from the Army, General Keith joined Cypress International, a defense consulting company, in September 1984. After more than 15 years with Cypress, he retired as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in December 1999.

General Keith also served on several boards, including the National Defense Industrial Association, the Defense Systems Management College Alumni Association, the Fort Sill National Bank, and the National Research Council Board on Army Science and Technology. He served on the Committee on Army Science and Technology for Homeland Security as he remained committed to the nation’s security. The committee dedicated its second report to General Keith in recognition of “his quiet voice of reason, untiring dedication, and exemplary efforts toward making life better and safer for America and her Soldiers.”

General Keith’s awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (two awards), and several foreign awards and service ribbons.

The generous General Donald R. Keith endowment will significantly enhance cadet education programs in the Department of Systems Engineering for many years to come.