



Richard B Myers, General, USAF

Retired

General Myers recently retired as president of Kansas State University. He assumed this role on an interim basis April 26, 2016, and was selected to the permanent position November 15, 2016. He retired from the university on February 11, 2022. As President, Myers cultivated collaborative relationships with a broad range of diverse individuals and groups to enhance the university's substantial strengths in research, academics and outreach. The university has three physical campuses in Manhattan, Salina and Olathe, Kansas, as well as a Global Campus for distance education.

General Richard B. Myers retired from the military as the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 1 October, 2005 after serving more than 40 years in the US Air Force. As the nation's highest ranking military officer, he served as principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense, and the National Security Council.

General Myers also served as Vice Chairman and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He has commanded at every level, including Commander of US Space Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Pacific Air Forces, US Forces Japan, and two fighter wings. A fighter pilot with over 4,100 hours, General Myers logged 600 combat hours during the Vietnam conflict. General Myers is a native of Merriam, Kansas and a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University, and received his commission through ROTC.

General Myers currently lectures nationally on national security issues and leadership. He is Foundation Professor of Military History and Leadership at Kansas State University. He currently serves on the board of directors for Aon Corporation, MP Materials, and Rivada Corporation. He previously served on the board of directors for Deere and Company (2006 to 2016), Northrop Grumman Corporation (2006 to 2017) and United Technologies Corporation (2006 to 2017). General Myers also served as First Vice President of the Defense Health Board, was past Chairman of the USO World Board of Governors, and on the boards of several other non-profits to include Fisher House and past chairman of the Kansas State University Foundation Board. He also held the Colin Powell Chair of Leadership, Ethics, and Character at National Defense University from 2006 to 2016.