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GARY LUCK

Retired U.S. Army General

Dr. Gary Luck, retired U.S. Army General, was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam as an inaugural member of the Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees in 2017. He honorably and faithfully served in that capacity until 2021. General Luck retired from active duty in 1996. This culminated a 36-year military career, achieving the rank of four-star general, and commanding at the highest levels of the U.S. armed forces. A renowned senior leader both within his service and in the joint and international military arenas, he served as Commanding General of the Army's 18th Airborne Corps, the Army's Special Operations Command, U.S. Joint Special Operations Command, and as Commander in Chief of United Nations Command Korea/Combined Forces Command Korea/U.S. Forces Korea.

General Luck served as an armor officer, an infantryman and an aviator. He served in all of those roles throughout his multiple tours of duty in Vietnam. He has held critical staff positions at the nation's capital, throughout the continental United States and around the world. His senior assignments with Army troop units include Chief of Staff, 8th Infantry Division in Europe; Assistant Division Commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell; and Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division, in the Republic of Korea. His command of 18th Airborne Corps included deployment to Southwest Asia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

General Luck is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations. Not only is General Luck a national hero, but he is also known for his commitment to developing others. After his retirement from active duty, General Luck continued his service to national defense as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone and Keystone programs. During his tenure with the APSU Board of Trustees, he generously spent hours preparing, presenting and answering questions from those in attendance at a seminar he gave to Austin Peay staff on the importance of emotional intelligence in the workplace. General Luck's mentoring has shaped the professional development of generations of the nation's finest military leaders and has had a profound impact on national defense.

General Luck holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Kansas State University, a Master of Business Administration from Florida State University and a doctorate in business administration (ORSA) from George Washington University.