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Dr. King serves as the chief academic officer for the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College.

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. His next assignment was as an engineer staff officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff Engineers, Headquarters US Army Europe. After the AMEDD advanced course, Dr. King was assigned as Project Manager and Assistant Division Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers Division, Huntsville, AL. 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. In 1991 he deployed as the Officer in Charge of the Southwest Asia Health Risk Assessment Team., which determined health risk to US troops exposed to the smoke from the Kuwait oil fires and to support the restoration of Kuwait.

In November 1991 he was selected to be Academy Professor and Program Director of the Environmental Engineering Program at the U.S. Military Academy. In 1998 Congress approved his presidential nomination to be Professor and Head of the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering.

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. 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 has authored two books, and 13 book chapters with his most recent manuscript 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 40 professional conferences including the technical sessions of the Copenhagen climate summit in 2009. 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 diplomate 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. He is the US member of an international military advisory council on security and climate change.

Dr. King retired from active duty in the rank of brigadier general in August 2006.