



COLONEL KATHERINE M. BIGLER

US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 23 April 2022

Colonel Bigler served three years in the enlisted ranks prior to joining Northwestern's ROTC program. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and commissioned in May 1978. After obtaining her Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, she was branched US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Colonel Bigler first served as the Assistant Command Judge Advocate, US Army Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, KS, with a follow-on assignment as a student at the Judge Advocate General's School, Officer Basic Course, Charlottesville, VA. She then served as Chief, Legal Assistance, Fort Leavenworth, KS. She left active duty and served in the Army Reserve with the Military Justice Office, 2nd Judge Advocate Detachment, New Orleans, LA. She was also an attorney in civil practice during this period.

In 1989, she completed the Judge Advocate General Officer Advanced Course and returned to active duty as the Assistant Command Judge Advocate, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Reserve Personnel Center, St. Louis, MO, while completing the Command and General Staff College. Subsequent assignments include Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 79th Army Reserve Command, Willow Grove, PA; Civil Law Attorney, 94th Regional Support Command, Fort Devens, MA; and Legal Advisor, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve, Washington, DC.

She was then assigned to the US Army War College, Senior Service Fellowship, Carlisle Barracks, PA, with duty in Boston, MA. Next, she served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the US Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, GA, and later as the Command Judge Advocate, US Army Reserve Personnel Command, St. Louis, MO. Her final military assignment was US Army Reserve Advisor for the Judge Advocate General, Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Colonel Bigler retired from active duty in 2005. For her service and accomplishments, she was awarded a Legion of Merit and multiple Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medals, and National Defense Service Medals.

Colonel Bigler has been a co-owner of Adams County Winery in Orrtanna, PA. The Adams County Winery, which opened in 1975, is the fifth oldest winery in PA. She and her husband, John G. Kramb, have grown the business to over \$2.5 million in gross sales with over 30 employees.