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Wallace Nutting, General, US Army (Ret.) serves on the Executive Advisory Council of Mission Readiness: Military Leaders for Kids, a nonprofit organization of retired generals, admirals, and other senior military leaders founded in 2008 to ensure continued American security and prosperity into the 21st century by calling for smart investments in the upcoming generation of American children.

General Nutting graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with the Class of 1950. In 1950-1951, he was assigned to a tank platoon in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. An exceptional leader, he was decorated with the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, and was twice wounded in action.

Major Nutting served as a tactical officer in the Department of Tactics at West Point. He was selected to attend the Naval War College in 1962, and during his year there, he was awarded a Master's Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

From 1963-1966, General Nutting was assigned to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was an author and instructor in Joint and Combined Operations. In 1966, he assumed command of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. Lieutenant Colonel Nutting trained the unit and deployed with it to Vietnam. He commanded the unit in combat and completed his tour as Operations Officer, First Field Force. Awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Air Medal, he returned to attend the National War College in 1967 and then became Assistant Director of Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

By 1970, Colonel Nutting was again in Vietnam, this time commanding the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and then as Deputy Commander for Operations, First Brigade, 5th Infantry Division. Back in the Pentagon after this second tour in Vietnam, Colonel Nutting served as Army member, Chairman's Staff Group under the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1973, after promotion to Brigadier General, he returned to Army Staff as Deputy Director of Plans. In 1974 he assumed command of the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany. Back in Washington in 1975, he served as Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy on Army Staff and concurrently as US Army Representative and Chief of the US Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, and Joint US – Brazil – Mexican Defense Commissions. General Nutting was also a member of the Joint Board on Defense, Canada and the United States. In 1977, Major General Nutting returned to Germany to command the 3rd Armored Division.

The year 1979 brought him an appointment as Commander, US Southern Command. Four years later, with his selection as Commander in Chief, US Readiness Command, he became the first officer to command two of these combatant organizations. In 1985, Wallace Nutting retired with the rank of General, and for the second time was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.

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