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General Johnnie E. Wilson, US Army (Ret.) serves on the Executive Advisory Council of Mission Readiness: Military Leaders for Kids, the nonprofit organization of retired generals, admirals, and 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 Wilson is a retired United States Army four star general who served as Commanding General, United States Army Materiel Command (CG AMC) from 1996 to 1999.

General Wilson was born on February 4, 1944 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was raised in Lorain, Ohio and entered the Army in August 1961 as an enlisted soldier, attaining the rank of staff sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School (OCS). On completion of OCS in 1967, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes completion of the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

General Wilson has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his former assignment as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command. Other key assignments include: Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army, Pentagon; Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Commanding General, Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Deputy Commanding General, 21st Area Theater Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army; Commander, 13th Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas; and Commander, Division Support Command, 1st Armored Division, U.S. Army Europe.

General Wilson's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge. General Wilson retired from the U.S. Army on 26 April 1999.

After retirement, Wilson became President and Chief Operating Officer of Dimensions International, Inc. He serves on as a member of the Washington First Bank Board of Directors and also on the Army Scholarship Foundation as a member of the Foundation's Honorary Advisory Committee.

Wilson is married to the former Helen McGhee of Elyria, Ohio. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Wilson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first inter-collegiate Greek-letter organization established for African Americans.

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