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Frederick F. Woerner, Jr., 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 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 Frederick F. Woerner, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was commissioned a second lieutenant in infantry upon graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1955. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in Latin American History from the University of Arizona.

General Woerner served in assignments in the United States, Vietnam, and Latin America. He initially went to Vietnam in 1962 as an advisor, and following his tour there, spent the next 4 years in Latin America.

General Woerner's assignments in Latin America included living in Colombia in 1965, and spending a year studying and traveling throughout northern South America. He spent the next three years in Guatemala as a military advisor, focusing on using military forces in national socioeconomic development, an assignment which earned him a Legion of Merit. He was chosen to attend the Uruguayan Military Institute of Superior Studies in Montevideo. He also was Director of Latin American studies at the United States Army War College.

General Woerner assumed command of the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama from 1982 to 1986, and was concurrently commander the United States Army Security Assistance Agency, Latin America. He served as the Commanding General of the Sixth United States Army at the Presidio of San Francisco from March 1986 to June 1987. Following this assignment, he became the Commander in Chief of United States Southern Command in 1987, and was also promoted to four-star rank. General Woerner retired in 1989.

In retirement, General Woerner has been Professor of International Relations at Boston University, in addition to working as a consultant with several companies. General Woerner has also served as Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission from 1994 to 2001.

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