

Major General Erika Steuterman

USAF (Retired)



Major General Erika Steuterman retired from the United Air Force in February 2011. Erika graduated from Purdue in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts in Language. She continued her education at Purdue and received her MBA from the Krannert School of Management in 1977. While attending Purdue, Erika was a member of Mortar Board, the Purdue All-American Marching Band and Symphony Band (French horn), spent her junior year abroad at the University of Strasbourg, France, and was one of the first female four-year Air Force ROTC participants. She was commissioned into the United States Air Force at Purdue University in May 1977.

After earning her Master's degree, Erika began her career in the United States Air Force from which she retired after 34 years of service, both active and reserve. A career intelligence officer, Gen Steuterman has served with the Air Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and US European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, among many others. She deployed in 2003 as the Director of the Information Operations Coordination Element at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM and missions in the Horn of Africa.

General Steuterman has received many military decorations during her 34 years of service in the Air Force and has been recognized many times by the civilian not-for-profit organizations with which she works. She most recently received the honor of selection as a 2011 Purdue Old Master, 2013 Purdue Bands Distinguished Alumna Award, Purdue College of Liberal Arts 2015 Distinguished Alumna Award, 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from National Mortar Board and the 2016 President's Award from the Arc of Indiana.

Now retired, Major General Steuterman is the Chairman of the Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission which is responsible for Hoosier Veterans and their families. Erika has served on many boards which include: Past Chairmen of the Board of Trustees of the Executive MBA Council, past Chairman of the Board of Directors for Wabash Center, Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Arc of Indiana, President of the Board of Directors of United Way of Greater Lafayette, and Broadband Antenna Tracking Systems, Inc., a defense-related company based in Indianapolis, IN. She is also an advisor for Mortar Board at Purdue University, a member of the Human Rights Committee at Wabash Center in Lafayette, IN, the 2018 United Way of Greater Lafayette campaign cabinet, a frequent speaker in the state and community on the military and disability rights and a 2013 graduate of the Senator Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series.