

Honorable Kenneth B. Kramer

Year of Commission: 1963

BA in Political Science



The Honorable Kenneth Kramer commissioned as a distinguished military graduate in 1963 after graduating from the University of Illinois. He also graduated Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1966. He then served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1967-1970. After leaving military service, he served as a Colorado State Representative from 1973-1978. In 1978, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Colorado where he served four terms. In Congress, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, he was instrumental in the creation of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, which tripled Ft Carson's training areas, and in the creation of the Unified and Air Force Space Commands. He was an early proponent of missile defense and founded the Space Foundation, a leading nonprofit space industry advocate and educator. In 1988, President Reagan appointed him as Assistant Secretary for Financial Management and Comptroller, U.S. Army. In 1989, President Bush appointed him to the newly created U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. From 2000 until 2004 he served as Chief Judge and since then as a senior judge of the Court. Mr. Kramer is a strong supporter of wounded warriors, co-chairing an annual fund-raising golf tournament for many years.

Year Inducted: 2018