

## Major General Arnold Fields, USMC (RET), Distinguished Lecture Series



The School of Business and Public Administration welcomed Major General Arnold Fields as the Fall Distinguished Lecture Series speaker this month. He retired from the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 2004 while serving as the Deputy Commander of Marine Corps Forces in Europe and Africa. Major General Fields, USMC (RET) currently serves the Department of Defense in support of congressionally authorized Vietnam War Commemoration.

Major General Fields took us through his personal journey and inspired many in the audience. He talked about growing up in segregation, his struggles, and most importantly his mother's influence even after her passing. She taught him to persevere through the obstacles and embrace every opportunity shaping him into the successful leader he is today.

He shared stories of his notable leadership experiences including a Presidential Appointment as U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR). Major General Fields reminded the audience not to let your struggles kick you down but let them mold you into a successful and courageous leader. He emphasized towards the end of his discussion to remember: "I will make every experience outstanding." and "How can you lead me?" With an unexpected delightful closing, Major General Fields shared his voice and sang "No man is an island" leaving the audience in awe.



He is a Distinguished Alumnus of South Carolina State University and received his Masters from Pepperdine. Fields is a Graduate of the Army War College, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School. Thank you for your service Major General Fields.

