



Brigadier General (ret.) David Van Kleeck joined the staff of the Center for Engineering Leadership at Rice University in August 2014 following a 34-year career as a Technologist and Manager in Shell's research and development organization. During his Shell career, he held a variety of positions in which he was responsible for process development, manufacturing technical services, and product support to several downstream refining and chemical businesses. Dr. Van Kleeck's research and management experience includes work in the detergents, solvents, resins, and glycols businesses. He was also active in Shell's recruiting efforts for over fourteen years as a campus interviewer (Princeton, MIT, University of Houston, Rice) and had a parallel career in the Army Reserve, retiring after 32 years of active and reserve service in 2005 as a Brigadier General. He was commissioned in the Army through ROTC at Princeton University (1973).

During his Army career, Brigadier General (ret.) Van Kleeck commanded troops at the Battalion, Group, and Brigade levels. His assignments included active-duty tours in Italy and Germany. He returned to Rice after receiving his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in 1981.