

Official Biography of Myron C. Harrington, Jr., Revised July 2018

Colonel Myron Charles Harrington, Jr., United States Marine Corps, Retired.

He was born August 13, 1938 in Augusta, Georgia, the son of Myron Charles Harrington and Stella Irene Craig Harrington.

He was married November 6, 1965 in Quantico, Virginia to Ann Randolph Hurst.

He is a graduate of The Citadel, Class of 1960, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. USMC in May 1961 and attended The Basic School, Quantico, VA 1961; Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA 1968; Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA 1977; Army War College, Carlisle, PA 1980. Colonel Harrington received a Masters of Science in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, PA in 1980.

Highlights of his Marine Corps career include service as Company Commander, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968 during the Battle for Hué City during the Tet Offensive; the first Marine Corps Assistant Naval Attaché at the American Embassy, Canberra, Australia 1969-1972; Aide-de-Camp to four Marine Corps Generals; Commanding Officer 3rd Recruit Training Battalion Parris Island, South Carolina 1978-79; Operations Officer, Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic 1982-1984; Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Amphibious Unit in Beirut, Lebanon in 1984; Chief of Staff of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 1986-1988. Colonel Harrington retired from the Marine Corps as Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, The Citadel in June of 1991.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Colonel Harrington was active in independent school education. In 1992, he joined the staff of Trident Academy as Headmaster. Trident Academy, located in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, is an independent school specializing in the remediation of students with learning disabilities. He is a Past Vice-President of the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA). He is also a Past President of the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and the SCISA Headmaster's Association. He is the recipient of the South Carolina Independent School Association's "Education Leadership Award" for 2002, The Dr. Charles Aimar Award. He was a member of the Board of the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). On his retirement from Trident Academy in June 2007, he was designated Headmaster Emeritus.

Commencing in the summer of 2008 Colonel Harrington was appointed as Co-Chairman of the Medal of Honor Convention 2010 Committee. This state committee's mission was to plan, fund and coordinate the myriad of actions necessary to produce a national convention in Charleston, SC to honor the living recipients of our nation's highest military award for valor, The Medal of Honor.

He actively participated in an aggressive fund raising campaign to raise over \$1.5 million dollars to ensure a successful convention. As the only committee member residing in the Lowcountry, Colonel Harrington assumed the lead role in coordinating with state and local municipal agencies to support the convention and with the event planner to organize the events to honor the Medal of Honor recipients. The magnitude of the event and the intensity of planning and coordination required to ensure success became a full time volunteer effort on the part of Colonel Harrington and the other Co-Chair residing in Columbia.

Additional community volunteer efforts include being Vice Chairman of the Mt Pleasant War Memorial Committee to erect a memorial to honor Town of Mt Pleasant and Christ Church Parish veterans who died in our nation's wars. The memorial was dedicated in July 2009 at the new Mt Pleasant Memorial Park at the foot of the Ravenel Bridge. He also was a member of the executive committee, serving as treasurer, of the committee to erect a statue of Major General William Moultrie at White Point Garden. The statue was dedicated on Carolina Day, June 28th 2007.

He is a past Vestry member and Senior Warden of St. Philip's Church, Past President and Chairman of the Board of the Navy League of the United States Charleston Council, Past President of the Charleston Foreign Affairs Forum, Past Class Representative for The Citadel Development Foundation, life member of Association of Citadel Men, member of the Citadel Brigadier Foundation, Past Vice-President of Historic Ansonborough Neighborhood Association, member of the Charleston Museum Board, is Vice Chairman of The Citadel Board of Visitors and President of the Clergy Society. He is a past member of the Rotary Club of Charleston, and is a member of The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of South Carolina, The Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina (Honorary), Washington Light Infantry, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Legion of Valor, the Charleston Club, Kappa Alpha Order, Order of St. John, and the Carolina Yacht Club.

Personal Decorations include the Navy Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third awards, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of second award, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of second award, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star, and the Vietnamese Staff Honor Medal 1st Class.

He is also the recipient of numerous service and campaign medals as well as unit commendations - Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation (two awards), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Medal (two awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (five campaigns).

Colonel Harrington is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto from the state of South Carolina and the Palmetto Medal from The Citadel.

Colonel Harrington was honored in March 1994 by the City of Augusta, GA and the Richmond County Historical Society as one of the 24 natives of Augusta who, having earned one of the nation's two highest awards for valor (Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross or Navy Cross), were remembered by individual Bronze Plaques installed at Heroes' Overlook and Memory Walkway at Riverwalk on the Savannah River.

The Citadel NROTC Department in September 1997 dedicated its "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" Display to Colonel Harrington.

Colonel and Mrs. Harrington have two children, Ann Hunley residing in Charleston and Mike residing in Charlotte, NC with his wife Kathleen and their children Emma Grace, Lily, William, Charlotte, Forbes and Ryan.