

Attorney George C. McMahon

Captain USMC, Retired

Attorney George McMahon was born in New Britain, Connecticut on August 20, 1945. He attended local schools and graduated from The Canterbury School in 1964. In high school, Mr. McMahon played football, baseball, golf and basketball.

Mr. McMahon attended Providence College and graduated in 1968. At Providence, he played on the golf team, was captain and most valuable player of the football team, and won the Rhode Island A.A.U. handball championship. Mr. McMahon later played football in the Marine Corps at Quantico and Monterey, California.

While in college, Atty. McMahon joined the Marine Corps Platoon Leader Course and spent two college summers in boot camp at Quantico.

Upon graduation from college, Atty. McMahon was commissioned as a 2tld Lieutenant and was given Orders to Quantico, VA to attend the Marine Corps Basic School for Officers.

After the Basic School, Lt. McMahon spent 2 months with the 28th Marines at Camp Pendleton, California as a Platoon Commander and was subsequently sent to the Defense Department Language School at Monterey, California. Lt. McMahon spent 11 months at the Language School studying the Vietnamese language. He -remains fluent in the Vietnamese language to this day.

After the Language School, 1lt Lt. McMahon was sent to Vietnam, where he became the Infantry Platoon Commander of the Third Platoon 1st Battalion 5th Marine Regiment.

After 1-1/2 months in Country, Lt. McMahon took over Delta Company, Pt Battalion, 5th Marine when the Company Commander was wounded in a heavy firefight. Lt. McMahon finished up his tour in Vietnam as the Delta Company Commander.

Delta Company 1/5 operated in Northern I Corps, 25 miles southwest of Da Nang. The area became known as the "Arizona Territory". The "Arizona" was the scene of some of the most vicious fighting of the Vietnam War, which involved heavy concentrations of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regular army troops. It was also the most heavily booby-trapped area in Vietnam.

Just before Lt. McMahon took over the Third Platoon of Delta Company, the Platoon had been commanded by Lt. James Webb, now U.S. Senator from Virginia and Former U.S. Navy Secretary under President Ronald Reagan. Lt. McMahon's Third Platoon was the subject of Senator Webb's first novel, "- Fields of Fire" and recounts battles and locations where Mr. McMahon and Senator Webb fought. These sites include "Charlie Ridge", "Dodge City", the Que Son Mountains and the "I'huong Duc" corridor. Senator Webb's hook is considered the very best novel describing Marine Infantry fighting in Vietnam. Senator Webb and Mr. McMahon remain close friends today.

During Lt. McMahon's last two months in Vietnam, his Company was assigned to become the airborne attack Company for the 1st Marine Division. This involved responding by helicopter insertion of Delta

Company to any enemy attacks or contacts anywhere in the 1st Marine Division area of responsibility. Delta Company also rescued numerous surrounded Marine Recon teams and downed U.S. pilots.

As a result of his Vietnam tour, Lt. McMahon was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mr. McMahon is the only Marine Infantry Officer to win the Distinguished Flying Cross in the Vietnam War.

After Vietnam, Mr. McMahon was promoted to Captain and became the Commanding Officer of Echo 2/4 in the Third Marine Division on the island of Okinawa.

Captain McMahon finished his 3-year active duty stint assigned to the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Upon leaving the Marine Corps, Mr. McMahon entered Suffolk Law School in Boston, MA and received a law degree in May 1971. In December of 1974, he was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar and has practiced criminal trial law in the Boston area ever since.

During his legal career, he has served in a number of capacities to include four years as a Federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in Boston. He also taught criminal trial tactics at the Trial Advocacy Center at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Atty. McMahon also has served as legislative assistant to the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, co-counsel to the Special Legislative Committee of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, co-counsel to the Massachusetts Legislative Committee on Experimental Medical Research and as a Massachusetts Special Assistant Attorney General on numerous occasions.

Since 1985 Atty. McMahon has been practicing criminal trial law and is known for his participation in many high profile criminal trials both in the state and federal courts.

Atty. McMahon has two daughters, a son, and 7 grandchildren. He and his wife, Maria, reside in the Hough's Neck area of Quincy, Massachusetts.