

Maj. Gen. Larry Taylor, USMCR (Ret.) Biography

Major General Larry Taylor USMCR(ret) was recalled to active duty from retirement after 9/11, and served as Commanding General, Marine Corps Mobilization Command and Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Reserve during the mobilization and deployment for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He returned to retirement in July'03.

Major General Taylor was born in New York City on 28Mar41, attended the Atlanta public schools, and somehow graduated from GA Tech in '62 with a degree in Management, despite having "majored" in Manuel's Tavern.

He completed flight school in '63 and served as a squadron pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons 264 & 263 in '64 & '65. During this period he participated in combat operations in Santo Domingo during the Dominican crisis of '65. In late '65 he transferred to 3d Battalion, 8th Marines for duty as Air Liaison Officer/Forward Air Controller. He completed his initial active duty in late '66 while serving as Platoon Commander, Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon, 2d Marine Division.

For all of '67 and most of '68, he served in Laos and Viet-Nam as a pilot for Air America, flying the H-34.

Returning to the US in late '68, he began his Marine Corps Reserve career flying the H-34, the UH-1 "Huey", and the AH-1 "Cobra". He served in various billets at the squadron, Division and Wing levels and was privileged to command the following units:

- Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 (80-82)
- 4th Air/Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) (82-84)
- 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (92-93)
- 4th Marine Aircraft Wing (93-96)

He first retired in late '97 while serving as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces South, based in Panama.

In his retirement, Major General Taylor chairs the Defense Education Committee of the Reserve Officers Association, serves on the Board of Advisors of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, and is active with the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He is a tour "host" with Military Historical Tours, Inc., and served for 2 months last summer at Camp Beuhring, Kuwait as a volunteer with the USO.

In civilian life, he retired in '01 (only because of the FAA's stupid age-60 limit) as a 747 400 Captain with Northwest Airlines. A life-long travel "junkie", he has served, lived, worked, and/or played in over 70 countries.

Major General Taylor's personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal,

the Legion of Merit, and the Air Medal. However, as the grandson of Russian Jewish immigrants to America, he regards his highest honor is to hold the title "United States Marine."

Preferred speech topics:

- Military Roles, Missions & Functions
- The Long War or the Global War on Terrorists
- Leadership
- The Myths of Viet-Nam