

**Captain Albert Allen Reynolds Jr.
Judge Advocate General's Corps
United States Navy (Ret.)**

Albert Allen Reynolds Jr. is the first of two sons and third of four children of Albert Allen Reynolds and Pearl (Crabtree) Reynolds, both now deceased. He was born 27 July 1943 in Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas. Known to family and friends as Allen, he grew up in the deep woods of rural Southwestern Arkansas near the small town of Fouke.

Following his graduation from Fouke High School in 1961, Allen enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he was trained as an electronics technician for communications systems associated with the Strategic Air Command's B-52 long-range bomber, and the Minuteman ballistic missile weapons systems. After serving 8 years in the Air Force, during which time he completed most of his undergraduate college work part-time, he was honorably discharged in 1969 as a staff sergeant.

Allen then started college full-time at the University of Wyoming where he earned his Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree majoring in U.S. diplomatic history, and his Juris Doctor (JD) law degree.

After law school, he was admitted to practice law in the state of Wyoming, and his first job as a lawyer was as a law clerk with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Judicial Circuit, Denver Colorado, 1972-1973.

In 1973 Allen returned to military service accepting a commission in the U.S. Navy as a member of the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps at the rank of Lieutenant. His initial assignments were Officer Indoctrination and Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island as a

student, 1973; Naval Legal Service Office, Corpus Christi, Texas as a claims officer and defense counsel, 1973-1975; Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas as the station legal officer, 1975-1977; and USS Constellation, an aircraft carrier home-ported at San Diego, California as the ship's legal officer, 1977-1979. In 1978 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Allen then continued his formal education when the Navy sent him to Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas as a post-graduate student, 1979-1980, receiving the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) in comparative and international law.

Thereafter his assignments were: Naval Legal Service Office, San Diego as department head, 1980-1982; Naval Legal Service Office Detachment North Island, San Diego as officer-in-charge, 1982-1983; Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland as station legal officer, 1983-1984 (promoted to commander in 1984); Commander, Iceland Defense Forces, Keflavik, Iceland as force judge advocate, 1984-1985; Commander, Carrier Striking Force 7th Fleet, home-ported at Cubi Point, Philippines, flagship USS Midway, as group judge advocate, 1985-1986; Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego as staff judge advocate, 1986-1988; and Naval Legal Service Office, San Diego as executive officer, 1988-1990.

From 1990-1993, Allen was assigned as senior legal advisor for Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, the senior admiral (3-star) based in San Diego. As force judge advocate, he provided legal advice and services to the commander and his staff, and professional oversight of all legal affairs within the U.S. Pacific Fleet's Naval Air Force, which included 50 Navy lawyers, plus their support staffs, 38 air stations, 8 aircraft carriers, 4 carrier battle groups, 6 functional air wings, 120 aviation squadrons with over 1,700 aircraft. In 1991, he was promoted to the rank of captain.

From 1993-1995, Allen was assigned as senior legal advisor for Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, a 4-star admiral. As fleet judge advocate he provided legal advice and services for the commander and his staff, and professional oversight of all legal affairs in the U.S. Pacific Fleet, which included 105 Navy lawyers, plus their support staffs, for all fleet naval commands, both ashore and afloat. This included all naval shore activities as well as all air, surface, and submarine forces (over 50 naval bases, 1700 aircraft, 100 ships, and 25 submarines), located from the eastern coast of Africa to the western coast of the United States, from the North to South Poles -- the largest single military command in the world, both geographically and numbers of military forces. In recognition of the scope and quality of this service, he received the Legion of Merit Medal, the highest non-combat award the Navy Department grants.

In 1995 Allen was assigned to Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, Northwest Judicial Circuit, located at Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco, as the court's senior military judge, 1995-1996. The Northwest Judicial Circuit includes Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and Central and northern California.

Thereafter, he was assigned to the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, Southwest Judicial Circuit, Naval Station, San Diego, again as the senior military judge, 1996-1998. The Southwest Judicial Circuit includes southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico. For these two assignments as senior military judge, Allen received a second Legion of Merit Medal.

Allen's last duty assignment prior to his retirement was as the senior legal advisor for Commander, Navy Region Southwest, located at San Diego, California, 1998-2003. The Southwest Region includes ten major naval bases and various other smaller naval activities located

throughout the western United States. For this assignment, Allen received a third Legion of Merit Medal.

When he retired on 1 July 2003, Allen had served over 38 years total military service, and was the senior Navy captain in the US Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corp.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, 3 awards; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, 5 awards; Navy Commendation Medal; Navy Achievement Medal; Navy Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Service Medal, 2 awards; Air Force Good Conduct Medal, 2 awards; Meritorious Unit Ribbon; Sea Service Ribbon, 2 awards; Overseas Service Ribbon, 2 awards; and Air Force Longevity Ribbon.

Allen has retired from the active practice of law, but remains a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Wyoming; the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Judicial Circuit; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

In 1962, Allen married the former Ladaire Combs of San Diego, daughter of Henry Combs (now deceased) of Fouke, Arkansas, and Jean (DeSantis) Combs of New York. Ladaire earned her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA - Accounting) degree from Corpus Christi State University, and her Master of Business Administration (MBA - Management) from San Diego State University. Her professional experience includes serving as controller for a San Diego engineering firm; as senior staff accountant for a major aircraft component manufacturing company; and as a work force analyst for the US Navy. She has also taught college courses in the evenings over the years, as has Allen.

Since retiring, Allen has attended Southwestern College, a local community college. He says it is to keep his brain stimulated and alert. Some think he just wants to hang out with a bunch of pretty young co-eds. In any case, he has earned three Associate in Arts (AA) degrees for journalism, political science, and philosophy, with a 4.0 GPA.

Allen and Ladaire have 2 children. Their son Kevin earned his Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from San Diego State University and is a partner with Ladaire in two related companies, JetCleanUSA which provides high pressure cleaning services throughout California and into Nevada, and a retail distributorship for Hotsy High Pressure Cleaning Equipment sales and services, operating throughout San Diego County and into Baja, Mexico. Kevin married the former Sandra O'Hara of San Diego and they have three daughters: Taylor, age 21; Brooke, age 19; and Shannon, age 18.

Their daughter, Traci (Reynolds) Stuart, has her Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in business administration from San Diego State University, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA - Marketing) from the University of San Diego. Before she stopped working full time to stay home with her young children, she was Director of Marketing for Children's Hospital in San Diego. More recently, she has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego. She is married to George Stuart of San Diego, a certified public accountant. They have 2 daughters, Hailey, age 15 and Jordan, age 10.

Allen and Ladaire have made their permanent home in Chula Vista, CA, where their children and grandchildren all reside within minutes.