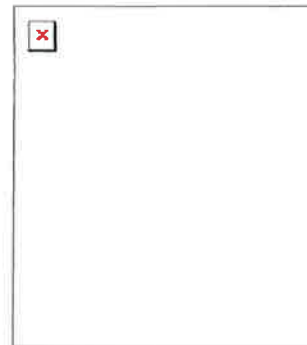


## United States Marine Corps (Ret.)

**Major General**  
James M. Myatt



Major General James M. Myatt retired in August 1995 and is currently the President and CEO of the Marines' Memorial Association in San Francisco, California.

General Myatt was born in San Francisco, California. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1963, after graduation with a B.S. degree in Physics, from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

General Myatt served in various command and staff positions within the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and both the 2d and 3d Marine Division. He served two combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam. His first tour was for one year as platoon commander, S-4 officer and company commander with the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. His second tour was for 16 months as Team Leader, Defense Special Projects Group and as Senior Infantry Battalion Advisor to the 5th Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps.

From July 17, 1985 until Sept 10, 1987, he commanded the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, deploying for two Mediterranean deployments with the Marine Corps' first Special Operations Training Group of the II Marine Expeditionary Force, he was selected in December 1987 for promotion to brigadier general.

On 8 August 1990, General Myatt was assigned as the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California. A few days later, in mid-August, and in reaction to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, he deployed his Division of 22,000 Marines to Saudi Arabia as part of I Marine Expeditionary Force for Operation Desert Shield. During the 4-day ground war in February 1991, his Division defeated seven Iraqi Army divisions in zone, seized Kuwait International Airport and liberated Kuwait City.

He returned the 1st Marine Division to Southern California in April 1991. General Myatt remained in command of the Division until July 8, 1992, when he was transferred to Seoul, Korea to serve as the C/J-5 (Strategy, Plans and Negotiations) for the Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea.

On 1 September 1994, General Myatt returned to the United States and was assigned to the Pentagon as the Director of Expeditionary warfare, serving in that billet until his retirement in the summer of 1995 to work for Bechtel Corporation.

General Myatt's academic background includes studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he earned a Masters of Science Degree in Engineering Electronics.

He attended the Command and Staff College of the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, graduating with distinction. In 1980, he was assigned to the Norwegian National Defense College as the first Marine Officer to attend the 12-month top-level school in Oslo, Norway.

His personal medals and decorations include: two Distinguished Service Medals; the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action; the Defense Superior Service Medal with Gold Star; the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for heroism, and the Republic of Korea Distinguished Service Medal and the Vietnamese Honor Medal, 1st Class.

Since leaving active military service, General Myatt has continued to serve in a variety of public positions. He was appointed by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to be a Commissioner in the Telecommunications Commission in April 2002. He was responsible for a Mayoral Conference on Public Security and Safety in July 2003, held in San Francisco, with over 25 Mayors and their offices of emergency services in attendance. He sponsored a Table Top Exercise with DOD Office of Homeland Defense and the City and County of San Francisco in August 2003. In December 2003, he was elected President of the Telecommunications Commission and led the Commission in its completion of the Telecommunications Plan Update for the City and County of San Francisco in March of 2004. After resigning his position on the Telecommunications Commission, he was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Base Closure and Relocation Commission Council in October 2004. He piloted a conference on Biometric Technologies for Homeland Security in October 2004, and is currently planning a conference on Port Security with the USNI.

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