

Featured Alumnus



Three star Lt. General George J. Flynn

Three star Lt. General George J. Flynn of the United States Marine Corps graduated from St Mary High School in 1971 and is one of St. Mary High School's most distinguished and accomplished alumni. George was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on October 16, 1953. George and his family have been part of the St. Mary family since he was a youngster. George and his older sister, Patricia (1970) attended St Mary's grammar school, and continued their

educations in the high school. George also married his high school sweetheart a fellow St. Mary graduate, Sally Riordan. George and Sally are happily married with two sons and a daughter. Their oldest, George is currently a Captain in the Marines. Their second child, Danny resides in San Diego, California working at L3 Communications, and their youngest, Maureen is twenty-five years old and married to a Marine Captain.

Lieutenant General Flynn was a distinguished student-athlete at St. Mary High School. He excelled academically, especially in math and science, and was a member of the Math Club, Veritas, Chrysalis, and National Honor Society. Flynn credits his accomplishments and success to the education and discipline he received from the Dominican Sisters and teachers at St. Mary High School. He was also a member of the track and football teams. Lieutenant General Flynn appreciates the life lessons and encouragement that Coach Jones, Coach Bartlet, Coach Higgins, Coach Agel, and Coach Blum provided him with as a young man. He remembers how they made him mentally tough and were willing to give him a chance.

Through the continued support and education that he received from St. Mary, he had several tremendous opportunities upon graduation. Flynn received a full scholarship to Scranton University, but instead decided to attend the prestigious Naval Academy, and major in Pre Med. During his first year at the Naval Academy in April of 1972, his father passed away. His father was someone he always looked up to, because of his perseverance and “never quit” attitude. Flynn decided to continue his education at the Naval Academy, and make his father proud. Lieutenant General George Flynn graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1975. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science Degree in National Security and Strategy from the National War College, and is a Distinguished Graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff and the National War College. After attaining honors in this rigorous Naval Academy curriculum, Lt. Flynn shocked his classmates and professors by electing to join the Marine Corps upon graduation.

Through hard work and determination, Lt. General George Flynn was able to attain the prestigious honor of Three Star Lieutenant General on August 5, 2008. Less than 0.000008

percent of all active-duty Marines ever attain this honor. Currently, he is active as a Combat Development Commander. Below is a list of Lt. General Flynn's assignments:

Command Assignments

- Commanding Officer, HQ Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (1979-1980)
- Commanding Officer, L Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (1980)
- Commanding Officer, P Battery, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines (1984-1985)
- Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines (1992-1993)
- Commanding Officer, Officer Candidates School (1999-2001)
- Commanding General, Training Command(2002-2004)
- Commanding General, Training and Education Command (2006-2007)
- Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (2008-)

Staff Assignments

- Forward Observer, fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer and S-4 A, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines (1976-1979)
- Officer Selection Officer, Manchester, New Hampshire (1981-1984)
- Operations Officer, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines (1985-1986)
- Plans Officer, Plans Policies and Operations Department, Headquarters Marine Corps (1987-1989)
- Junior Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (1989-1991)
- Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, 2d Marine Division (1991-1992)
- Future Operations Officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force (1994-1995)
- Military Assistant to the Executive Secretary to the Secretary of Defense (1995-1997)
- Military Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations (1997-1998)
- Head, Strategic Initiatives Group, Headquarters Marine Corps (1998-1999)
- Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (2001-2002)
- Deputy Commanding General, Training and Education Command (2002-2004)
- Chief of Staff and Director, Command Support Center, United States Special Operations Command (2004-2006)
- Deputy Commanding General Multi-National

Corps- Iraq (2008)

Lieutenant General George Flynn can't recall a point in time when he decided that this would become a life-long career. However, he knows that he loves waking up every morning and putting the uniform on. St. Mary is extremely proud of Lt. General Flynn and his accomplishments. We are also excited to announce that Lt. General Flynn will be returning to St. Mary after the holidays to speak to our faculty and students during an assembly. It is truly a pleasure to have such a positive and influential role model back in the halls of St. Mary.