



LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRUMAN MAYNARD US Army, Retired

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Lieutenant Colonel Maynard commissioned an Infantry officer in 1960 at Northwestern State College. He attended Aviation School at Fort Rucker, AL, where he graduated first in his class and trained on the Army's largest airplane, the CV-2B Caribou, and deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Aviation Company. He flew over 900 combat hours, delivering supplies onto short landing strips for the US Advisory effort and Special Forces teams.

LTC Maynard participated in the Army's large-scale test of the Air Mobility Concept for the 11th Air Assault Division. The unit flew missions from Vietnam to Fort Benning, across Europe and the North Atlantic. He then attended the Infantry Advanced Course and was selected Honor Graduate. In 1966, he was selected for a classified mission, "Project Crazy Cat." He flew Lockheed P2 Neptune Patrol planes for the 1st Aviation Company (Radio Research). He logged an additional 1,000 combat hours while working to increase the intelligence gathering capability of the 509th Radio Research Group.

While attending the Command and General Staff College, he was selected to serve as an author-instructor in the Department of Tactics. He was the top graduated in helicopter transition training and served with the Second Infantry Division, Korea. Later, he commanded a helicopter company in the Army's most forward-deployed combat division. He managed the development and fielding of the Synthetic Flight Training System and Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System. In 1980, LTC Maynard retired from active duty.

After assuming his family's movie theatre business, he served as an engineering Project Manager for Xerox Corporation. He then took a leading role in the establishment of NSU's Demon Regiment. As the first Chief of Staff, he devoted countless hours to organizing the team, defining operating processes, and establishing goals. Through his direct efforts, a \$100,000 endowment was created to provide additional funding for the ROTC program.

LTC Maynard has given much time and leadership experience to better our community. He served as Chairman, Natchitoches Historic District Commission; President, Kiwanis Club; and Secretary, Walter Ledet Coffee Club. He was appointed committee chairman to prepare a Personnel Manual for the newly formed Parish Government. He worked with the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches and served as a tour guide of Melrose Plantation and the Lemee House.

LTC Maynard is married to Martha Middleton from Natchitoches. They have three children and four grandchildren.