

COLONEL CHARLES G. TYRIAN, JR.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RETIRED)

A native of New York City, Colonel Tyrian joined the United States Marine Corps in March, 1963 and was commissioned a second Lieutenant in June, the following year.

His early assignments included Platoon Commander and Executive Officer of "A" Company, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion during combat operations in Vietnam, Executive Officer of Recruiting Station, Seattle, Washington, and Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the heavy guided missile cruiser, USS CHICAGO (CG-11) stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin, Viet Nam.

Upon completion of Amphibious Warfare School in June, 1971, he served as the Commanding Officer of "B" Company, and the Commanding Officer of H&S Company of the 2nd Assault Amphibian Vehicle Battalion, Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

Colonel Tyrian was then reassigned to recruiting duty with the 8th Marine Corps District in New Orleans, Louisiana. While on recruiting duty, his billets included the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station, Dallas, Texas, Enlisted Recruiting Operations Officer, and District Contact Team Officer for the 8th Marine Corps District.

Transferred to the 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, he assumed duties as the S-4 Logistics Officer of the 1st Tracked Vehicle Battalion at Camp Schwab. Upon completion of his overseas tour, he graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in January, 1979. His next assignment was Test Operations Officer for the Joint Marine/Army Advanced Armor Vehicle Test and Evaluation Program. Colonel Tyrian was then assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps tour as the National Enlisted Recruiting Operations Officer. He was then assigned as Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, Washington. His last tour was as Chief of Staff of Recruiting, Western Recruiting Region, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California and he retired in June, 1989.

Colonel Tyrian now resides near Seattle, Washington and created his own company, Keep Charging Enterprises, LLC, in July, 1989. His new career as a keynote motivational speaker and leadership/sales/customer service trainer lies in the foundation of more than thirty plus years of motivation and training people. His unique keynote presentation of "Rhinoceros Leadership-It Starts With You" centers on the individual and focuses on an action plan of self-improvement through self-motivation. Goal setting, time management, fitness programs of body, mind, and spirit, are all critical ingredients of the presentation. Humor is the adhesive that makes it all stick. He also created "Rhino Camps Limited", a combination of leadership training and outward-bound team building for corporate and military mid-level managers and supervisors.

Colonel Tyrian earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from Iona College, and a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management from Pepperdine University.

Colonel Tyrian's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star in lieu of second award, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and gold stars in lieu of the second and third awards, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Colonel Tyrian is married to the former Sandra Jean West of Aberdeen, Washington. They have two daughters, Julie Anne (Halter), a lawyer with Preston, Gates, & Ellis, LLP, and Allyson Michelle (Alexander), a kindergarten teacher in Corvallis, Oregon, and three grandchildren, Tyler Heath Halter, Zachary Charles Halter, and Mylie Rose Alexander.