

Robert T. Jordan

Major Robert T. Jordan, USMC (Retired) is an award-winning writer, photographer, artist, and broadcaster. Bob was born in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1937. His parents moved to Northridge when he was in the second grade. He moved to Pennsylvania when he was a sophomore, and he joined the Marines in his junior year (1954). He took the GED and earned his high school diploma while on the way to Suez. During his thirty years in the Marines, he was promoted through the ranks from private to master gunnery sergeant; commissioned as limited duty officer in public affairs, photography, and broadcasting; and retired in 1984 as a major.

Bob earned a certificate in photo journalism from Syracuse University in 1971. In 1980, he earned a BS in business and communication from the University of Maryland (UMUC). After leaving the Marines, he graduated *magna cum laude* from Orlando College (now Everest University) with an MBA. He is currently pursuing a second Master's in Distant Education at UMUC while teaching U.S. and foreign military officers the finer points of military Public Affairs and Strategic Communication at the Defense Information School located at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

During most of his distinguished career in the Marines, Bob was assigned positions of leadership involving broadcasting, management, and public relations and information. Shortly after he was assigned duty in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, as the director of the Joint Public Affairs Bureau, Bob had the sad duty to report the bombing of the Marine barracks, killing 241 servicemen. Ironically, one of those Marines was an NHS graduate, Virgil Hamilton. For his work in a difficult situation, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. While in Vietnam (1967-68), he was awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V" among his numerous other medals and awards.

Since his military retirement, Bob has been active as a magazine editor, publisher, PR executive, freelance writer, consultant, author, teacher, and president of an investor relations company. Over the years he has volunteered to serve on numerous military connected boards and commissions. He co-published a book, *Terror—Is America Safe*, in 2006, and is currently working on a text, *The Constitution, the Military, and the Media*.

Bob has six children by his late wife, Majol Ann "Midge." He has 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He remarried in 2001. Ibert, "Evi," is a realtor, home maker, and a charity and church volunteer.

"Northridge had a profound impact during my formative years—especially during World War II. A returning veteran visiting my second grade class awakened my desire to serve in the military. The firm hand of the principal, Mr. Riffle, impressed the need to follow rules. Mrs. Bowman, my 6th grade history teacher, inspired a love of history and a thirst to become a writer. My English and art teachers encouraged me not to limit my pursuit of knowledge and

to develop talents that were just beginning to emerge. In short, Northridge provided a launching pad for what became an exciting, rewarding, and challenging career.”