

At the time of his retirement, Lieutenant General William R. Maloney was the Deputy Chief of Staff (DC/S) for Manpower, Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), Washington, D.C.

General Maloney received his B. A. degree from Brown University in 1951; his M. A. degree from Stanford University in 1963; and his M. S. degree in International Affairs from George Washington University in 1970. He was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in June 1951.

He completed The Basic School, Quantico, VA, in Dec 1951, and participated in combat operations in Korea as a platoon commander with the 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Korea. Returning to the United States in Sept 1952, he served as Executive Officer, Marine Barracks, Naval Air Rocket Test Station, Dover, NJ.



From Oct 1953 to Mar 1955, General Maloney underwent flight training. He was promoted to captain in Mar 1954, and designated a Naval Aviator in Mar 1955 when he was assigned to Marine Attack Squadron 333 of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW.) He served as Aviation Officer Selection Officer in Boston, MA, from May 1956 to Jul 1958, when he underwent helicopter transition training. He was ordered to Okinawa in Oct 1958, and served in Marine Observation Squadron 2, 1st MAW. He was reassigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, Quantico, VA, in Jan 1960, and promoted to major in Mar 1962.

General Maloney was assigned first as a Leadership Instructor, and later, as Executive Assistant to the Academic Dean, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, between Jul 1963 and Jun 1966, when he became Commanding Officer (CO), Marine Observation Squadron 6, 1st MAW, in Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with gold star, and the Air Medal with Numeral 21 for his service in Vietnam. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in Nov 1966.

He reported to HQMC, Washington, D.C., in Jun 1967 for duty as Assistant Secretary to the General Staff, until Aug 1969, when he attended the National War College, Washington, D.C. Upon completing the course in Jun 1970, he was ordered to the Mediterranean and served on the Staff of the Commander, Sixth Fleet, as Amphibious Warfare Officer, and later, as Fleet Marine Officer. He was promoted to colonel in Jun 1971. General Maloney served as CO, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st MAW, in the Western Pacific from Jul 1972 to May 1973, where he earned his second Legion of Merit. He was transferred to HQMC as Head, Joint Strategic Branch, Plans Division. In Jul 1974, he was reassigned to SECNAV's Office of Program Appraisal.

On Jul 1, 1975, he was promoted to brigadier general and assigned duty as Director of Information HQMC. He served in this capacity until assuming duty as Assistant Wing Commander, 3d MAW, El Toro, CA, in Jun 1977. His additional duty was Commanding General (CG), 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade. He was advanced to major general on Jan 31, 1978 and assigned duty as CG, 3d MAW. He assumed duty as CG, 1st MAW in May 1979. In Sep 1979, he was assigned additional duty as the CG, III Marine Amphibious Force. In Jun 1980, he was ordered to Cherry Point, NC, where he served as CG, 2d MAW. He served as the Director for Operations, J-3, PACCOM, Camp Smith, HI, from Jun 1981 until Jun 1982.

General Maloney was promoted to lieutenant general on Jul 1, 1982 and assigned duty as the DC/S for Plans, Policies and Operations at HQMC. He assumed his last duty as DC/S for Manpower on Jun 15, 1983.

His medals and decorations include: the Silver Star Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and gold star in lieu of a second award; the Distinguished Flying Cross with gold star in lieu of a second award; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; Meritorious Service Medal; the Air Medal with Numeral 21; the Navy Commendation Medal; Navy Achievement Medal; the Presidential Unit Citation; Navy Unit Commendation; the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC); the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star; the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Service Medal with three bronze stars; the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; RVN Cross of Gallantry with bronze star; the Republic of Korea Order of Merit; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; RVN Gallantry Cross Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm. Medals and decorations continued: RVN MUC (Civil Actions Color, 1st Class); United Nations Service Medal; and the RVN Campaign Medal.