



Douglas H. Foss

I retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Gunnery Sergeant, in May 2001. I am also a Genuine U.S. Navy Chief. During my 21-year career in the Corps, a few of the billets I served in are Advanced Avionics Technician, Naval Aircrewman, Close Combat Instructor, Military Policeman, Primary Marksmanship Instructor, Legal Chief, Avionics Instructor and Counterintelligence Specialist. I was mentioned in dispatches 25 times and was recommended for a battlefield commission during the Persian Gulf War. My last assignment was at the Pentagon, where I worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, specifically, the Deputy Director of Aviation. I am a member and past officer of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Marine Corps League.

I was raised and proven a Master Mason in 1996.

I am a member of West Seneca Lodge #1111.

I am a Royal Arch Mason, and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

I became a Shriner on the hot sands in 2004 and served in all of the chairs and committees including Club President 2009 and Potentate 2019. During my time as a Shriner, I have had the honor of serving as a Hospital Clown "Doc" since 2004. I have been a Life Member of the Legion of Honor since 2008. I stand tall with my brothers and sisters in the Legion of Honor as a uniformed member of both the Honor Guard and the Funeral Detail; and as Ismailia Shrine's current Commander. I am a member of Court 22, the Q, the Directors, and the PHD's. Heather and I are looking forward to attending the International Session in Las Vegas and attending Arlington again.

My Canadian wife Heather (Master of Education and former City Councilor) and I met in Hiroshima, Japan on her birthday in January and were married in Japan later that same year - New Year's Eve 1995! Heather and I have two daughters; Shannon and Ella. My family supports me 100% in this endeavor.

I give my pledge to serve this fraternity and our mission to the best of my ability. Semper Fidelis. It is indeed an honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor.