

**HCR 28 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Manning Jr

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**Action Date:** 05/11/23  
**Action:** Do adopt.  
**Vote:** 3-0-1-2  
**Yeas:** 3 - Manning Jr, President Wagner, Woods  
**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek  
**Abs:** 2 - Linthicum, Thatcher  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
**Prepared By:** Regina Wilson, LPRO Analyst  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/9, 5/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Honors and recognizes Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr. for his valor and service to his state, country and fellow veterans.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Military service and dedicated life of Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr., was born on November 14, 1929 in Boston, Massachusetts. Lt. Colonel MacDonald grew up in Beverly Farms and Marblehead, Massachusetts. Following his graduation from high school in 1948, Lt. Colonel MacDonald joined the United States Coast Guard Reserve while attending Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Lt. Colonel MacDonald earned Bachelor of Science degrees in business administration and accounting; shortly after his college graduation, he became a United States Marine Corps officer.

Lt. Colonel MacDonald's military service included service in Korea, where he received his Sergeant stripes and a promotion to Second Lieutenant. He met his wife, Violet "Vi" Kline in Hawaii. He served aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Providence, the flagship for the United States Navy's 7th fleet. Lt. Colonel MacDonald served at Camp Pendleton, California where he became the commanding officer of the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company of the United States Marine Corps. In Binghamton, New York, he served as an Inspector-Instructor, and he served at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey.

Lt. Colonel MacDonald's next duty station was at Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia; while in Virginia, he received his Master's degree in education from Virginia Tech. Following his service in Quantico, Lt. Colonel MacDonald deployed to Vietnam from 1969-1970 where he served as part of the highly classified, multi-service United States Special Operations Unit. Lt. Colonel MacDonald later transferred to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. where he became a military aide to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney.

Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald moved to Toronto, Canada following his service to Secretary Romney; while there, he became an instructor at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. Lt. Colonel MacDonald returned to the United States in 1976 and retired from the military in 1978.

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Following his retirement from the military, Lt. Colonel MacDonald and his family moved to Salem, Oregon. From 1978 to 1985, as an educator, he worked with troubled teenagers in the Salem School District. He also worked as a high school principal until his retirement in 1999.

Following his retirement from education, Lt. Colonel MacDonald advocated for veterans in Oregon; he assisted with legislation that led to the development of the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon and conducted memorial services in Salem at City View Cemetery.

Lt. Colonel MacDonald earned notable awards including the Legion of Merit with Combat V, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal with 5 Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy-Marine Corps and Republic of Vietnam Parachute Insignia, Presidential Unit Citations from the United States Army and Marine Corps and various marksmanship badges.

Lt. Colonel MacDonald curated the annual Oregon Military Educational Display shown at the Oregon State Capitol and Oregon State Fair. Lt. Colonel MacDonald was a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Marion Post 661, Salem, the Military Order of World Wars and the Military Officers Association of America.

On December 19, 2022, Lt. Colonel MacDonald passed away at the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon.

House Concurrent Resolution 28 recognizes the life and United States military service of Lieutenant Colonel Herman MacDonald (1929-2022).