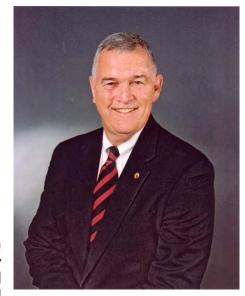# Major General Ronald O. Harrison
USA, Retired
As of Sep-09

General Harrison has a varied background in both business and military affairs, having spent forty two years in the US Army/Army National Guard. After serving on active duty for two years, General Harrison served in the Army National Guard for forty years commanding at every level culminating his military career serving as the Adjutant General of Florida. In addition to gaining experience in leadership, planning, operations and training from the military experience, being a businessman for the majority of the forty two year career added greatly to the understanding of the civilian community, and political realities found there.

In 1961, Major General Harrison began his military career in Schweinfurt, Germany as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in the 3rd Infantry Division. He was appointed to the Florida Army National Guard in July 1963 and has served as a reconnaissance platoon leader and in a variety of staff assignments. He has commanded at every level from company to brigade, including the 53rd Infantry Brigade (Separate).

General Harrison was appointed the Adjutant General of Florida by the Governor of the State of Florida on March 1, 1992. He served as the Adjutant General until his retirement on November 3, 2001. As the Adjutant General, he served as the Governor's senior military advisor and oversaw both the state and federal missions of the Florida National Guard. He supervised the administration, training, and operations of the Florida National Guard, consisting of more than 10,700 Army and 1,700 Air National Guard personnel with a full-time support workforce of over 1,400 personnel.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Senior Reserve Officer Course at the U.S. Army War College. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the National Guard Bureau Distinguished Service Award. He is a past member of the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board and the Department of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee. He was a member of the 2003 Summer Study of the Defense Science Board and a consultant to the Board's study on National Guard /Reserves.

General Harrison is past Chairman of the Board, of the National Guard Association of the United States, a past President of the Adjutants General Association of the United States. His professional affiliations also include the National Guard Association of the United States, the Association of the United States Army, where he served as a member of the Advisory Board of Directors, and is president of the Florida National Guard Foundation. He is a past Ordained Ruling Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, a trustee for the Heart of the City Foundation in Orlando, and a past Director of the Rotary Club of Orlando.

MAJOR GENERAL RONALD O. HARRISON

The General holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Flagler College where he serves on the President's Council and is a member of Florida State University's Athletic Hall of Fame. He served on the Governor's Domestic Security Advisory Panel. He is the 2002 recipient of the Association of the United States Army - LTG Raymond S. McLain Medal.

General Harrison was born in Bartow, Florida, and grew up in Orlando, Florida where he attended Boone High School. He was graduated from Florida State University in 1960, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. While at Florida State University he was recognized as Athlete of the Year in 1960 and as a distinguished military graduate. He currently resides in St. Augustine and is married to the former Mysie Surguine of Orlando, Florida. He has two children, Kim Harrison Ferguson and Raymond D. Harrison, a stepdaughter Mysie Surguine Saulsbury, and seven grandchildren.

General Harrison is retired from the US Army and the Florida National Guard and continues to be involved in military and homeland security issues as a consultant with Harrison and Associates LLC.