

BLOG POST

## Salute to Service

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Bracewell LLP lawyers have a long history of military service and support that dates to the founding of the firm.

Just home from their World War II service, brothers Searcy and Fentress Bracewell joined their father, J. S. Bracewell, and another leading Houston lawyer to open shop on November 1, 1945.

Searcy served on General George S. Patton's staff as a supply officer in the Army, and Fentress served in the Navy during World War II.

This lineage of service to country continues today at Bracewell. In celebration of Veterans Day 2018, we showcase some of the lawyers at the firm today who have served or who currently serve or support the nation's military.

Houston Associate **R. Nick Buchmuller** served in the US Army Reserve (2007-2015) as an Intelligence Analyst. He was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2009 to 2010 and served as an Intelligence Analyst with a Logistics Unit, supplying joint force decision makers with intelligence for supply convoys.

Houston Of Counsel **Robert L. Clarke** served in a US Army Intelligence Branch (1966-1968) in Houston, Texas.

Houston Senior Counsel **Edward Fierro** served a combined six years in the US Army (1996-1999) and California National Guard (1999-2002).

Washington, DC Of Counsel **Gene E. Godley** and Dallas Partner **Christopher D. Olive** each served in the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Gene was a Captain who served at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1964. Chris, who was also a Captain, served in the Republic of South Korea from 1996 to 1997 and at Fort Carson, Colorado, from 1998 to 2000.

Houston Partner **J. Clifford Gunter III** was a Lieutenant in the US Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1967.

The Judge Advocate General's Corps or JAG Corps is a specialty within each branch of the military concerned with military justice and military law. Officers serving in a JAG Corps are called Judge Advocates and serve primarily as legal advisors to the command to which they are assigned.

Houston Partner **Jarvis V. Hollingsworth** graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point (1981-1985). He went on to do active duty tours with the Army in Oklahoma, Texas, California and Germany (1985-1990). Jarvis was a Field Artillery Officer–Army Parachutist, Army Air Assault qualified and served Aide-de-Camp to a Reserve Major General. He retired as a Captain.

Seattle Associate **Tyler S. Johnson** is a former Naval officer (2000-2007) who served aboard the USS Louisville (SSN 724) based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While aboard this Los Angeles-class submarine, he operated a nuclear power plant and conducted ship-board operations. Ty also did a tour at the Naval Base Kitsap located on the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington State.

Houston Associate **Jason W. Keating** enrolled in Army ROTC as an undergraduate at the University of Delaware, and has served as an Army Reserve officer for the last nine years.

Houston Partner **Albert B. Kimball** was a platoon leader in the US Army (1962-1964) and was stationed in Germany.

Dallas Partner **Alfred G. Kyle** served active duty in the US Marine Corps from 1988 to 1991 and was in the Reserve until 1995. Al was also part of Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

New York Associate **Paul M. McBride** graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 2001 and served six years (2001-2007) as an active duty Army officer. While on active duty, he served with units located in the United States and Europe, and completed a one-year deployment (2005-2006) to Afghanistan as a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Houston Partner **Ralph D. McBride** served in the US Army Reserve (1968-1974).

Houston Partner **Robert S. Nichols** also served in the US Army Reserves (1982-1988).

Prior to his legal career, Houston Senior Counsel **Simon Stevens** served as a sergeant in the US Army (1989-1995).

Houston Partner **Jeffery B. Vaden** served in the Army National Guard (1985-1991) and was part of a mechanized infantry unit.

Others noted for their service include New York Partner **Erin S. Hennessy**, who was awarded the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal (2010 and 2018) and the Commander's Award for Public Service (2011 and 2016). The Outstanding Civilian Service Award is the third-highest honor within the public service awards scheme of the Department of the Army that can be awarded to a private citizen. Houston Associate **Yeon Jae Ko** served in the Republic of Korea Navy as a commissioned officer.

In addition to Bracewell lawyers, the staff also shares in the rich history of military service at the firm. Assistants **Myra Carvalho** (Marines) and **Tammy Jenkins** (Navy), IP Projects Specialist **Freddie Nunez** (Army), IM Trainer **Darren A. Pittman** (Army), IM Specialist **Danish Shariff** (Navy) and Network Services and Security Director **David Tremont** (Navy) are also Bracewell veterans.

In honor of Veterans Day 2018, Bracewell offers a heartfelt "thank you" to all who have served.