



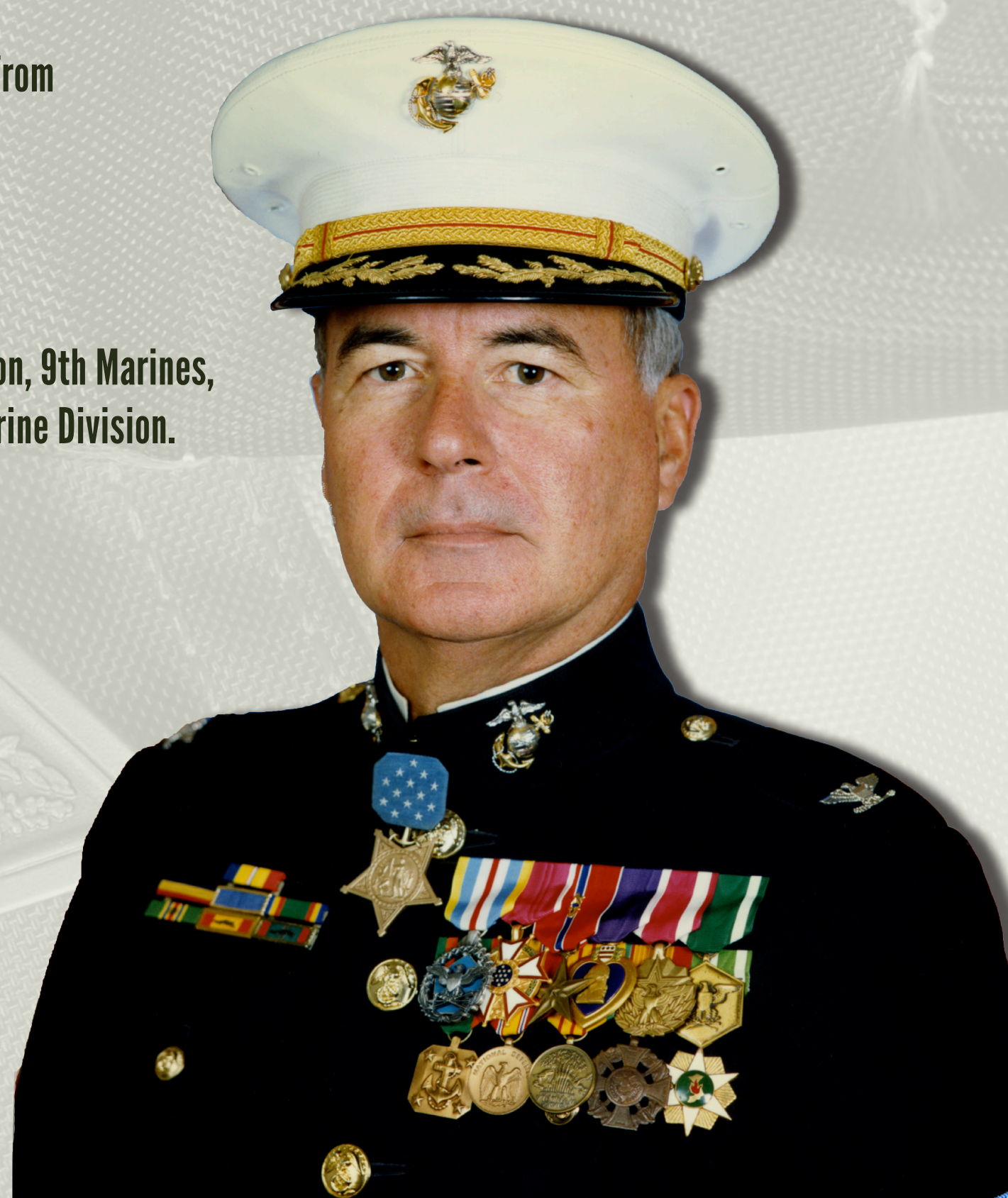
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# USS HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)

*Honoring a Lifetime of Service*

## A Distinguished History

- Born July 21, 1940, in Cheshire, Connecticut, Harvey C. Barnum Jr. earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from St. Anselm College before becoming a Marine Artillery Officer.
- In 1958 Barnum joined the Marine Corps and was later commissioned a second lieutenant in 1962.
- Barnum served two tours in Vietnam: In 1965 as an artillery forward observer with company H, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, and in 1968 as the Commanding Officer of Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d Marine Division.
- At 25, Captain Barnum became the fourth Marine to earn the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor, for valor in Vietnam.
- After more than 27 years of commissioned service, Colonel Barnum retired in August of 1989.
- Barnum continued his public service and was sworn in as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Reserve Affairs on July 23, 2001. On Jan. 20, 2009, Barnum was designated Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.
- In 2016, the destroyer USS Harvey C. Barnum Jr. (DDG 124) was named in his honor.



*Class: Arleigh-Burke*

*Length: 509 feet*

*Speed: 30+ knots*

*Crew: Up to 329 total*

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## A LOOK AT THE MEDAL OF HONOR

**1861**

President Abraham Lincoln approves the congressional action to provide for 200 Navy Medals of Honor.

**1915**

Congress authorized U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers to wear the Medal of Honor.



**1863**

On July 1, Cpl. John F. Mackie became the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor.

**2016**

As of 2016, there have been 297 Medals of Honor awarded to Marines.



*"His sound and swift decisions and his obvious calm served to stabilize the badly decimated units and his gallant example as he stood exposed repeatedly to point out targets served as an inspiration to all."*

*- From Barnum's Medal of Honor citation, 1967*