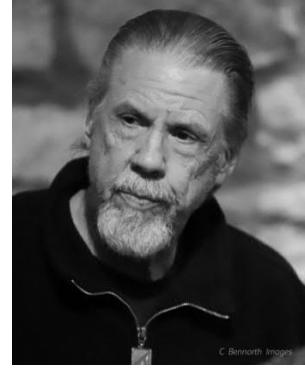


Biography

Harold G. Walker LtCol USMC (Ret) served 26 years in the U.S. Marine Corps in both an active and reserve capacity. He served in Vietnam (1969-1970) as a HMM-262 CH-46 helicopter pilot. During his 12 month tour he accumulated 626.5 combat hours and earned 69 air medals representing more than 1300 missions. Following active duty, he remained in the Marine Corps Reserve as a UH-1 "Huey" Helicopter pilot with HML-776 at the Glenview Naval Air Station, Glenview IL. until the *Base Realignment and Closure Commission* shut the base down in 1995



In December, 1990, he was the Executive Officer of HML-776 when the unit was activated for Desert Storm. He deployed with his squadron to Cubi Point, Subic Bay in the Philippines where they assumed responsibility for Search & Rescue missions. On June 12, 1991, the second-largest volcanic eruption of this century took place—Mount Pinatubo erupted. Due to the unique ability of the helicopter, the squadron aided the Philippine Gov't in search and rescue operations that saved hundreds from certain death. The unit received recognition for their efforts from the Philippine Gov't in the form of a Humanitarian Award medal.

Walker became the commanding officer of HML-776 in 1992 - 1993. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1996 with 26 year's service both active and reserve.

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During a 4 year period (1972-1976) following his release from active duty, He obtained a masters degree in secondary school administration. Armed with a commercial pilot's license, a flight instructor rating, and Marine Reserve flying; anytime when he wasn't in class, he was flying.

In June, 1976, after having served a 2 year stint as a High School Principal at a small Southeast Missouri High School, he joined the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), one of the enforcement agencies, then under the U.S. Treasury Department. The other two agencies in the Treasury were the Secret Service and U.S. Customs. Operation Concentrated Urban Enforcement (CUE) was being manned-up by ATF. The scuttlebutt in the Bureau was that CUE was originally planned by President Richard Nixon and carried out by then President, Gerald Ford. There were 5 CUE cities but, only Chicago, New York and Boston were activated.

Walker was assigned to Chicago police area three, consisting of the then, 7th, 8th and 9th police districts where he worked with other ATF agents in an undercover capacity for a period of 18 months. The ATF offices at the time were located at 10 East Wacker Drive. In 1979, Walker was through with undercover work and entered the world of arson fraud, heading an investigation into an organized crime arson of a popular night club in a Chicago suburb. He earned a second Masters Degree from DePaul University and became an ATF instructor to State and Local law enforcement officers throughout the United States, regarding arson fraud investigations.

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Walker left the ATF in September 1982, joining the newly organized Nuclear Regulatory's Office of Investigations (OI), a unit established by the NRC following the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. The unit consisted of 20 seasoned criminal investigators headquartered in Maryland, and tasked for investigating alleged criminal violations of the Atomic Energy Act & Parts 1-50 of the Federal Code of Regulations.

One of the investigations led to a Senate investigation into a nuclear spill at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Ohio Senators John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum held hearings into findings of the investigation conducted by the lead OI Investigator, Senior Special Agent Walker. This investigation led to the discovery of diamonds illegally treated by exposure to americium-241 (atomic No. 95. a nuclear by-product material and bone – seeker used in smoke detectors) to discolor diamonds for profit. The future book to come from this will be, “*The Color of Diamonds.*”

Walker retired from the NRC and federal law enforcement in 1998, becoming a licensed Illinois Private Investigator. He conducted independent nuclear power plant investigations for a Washington, D.C. based Law Firm following which he worked as a contract investigator for the FBI doing top secret background Investigations on FBI applicants, etc.

Author:

Murder on the Floodways was Walker's first excursion into the world of literature. By utilizing his skills as an investigator, he undertook a four year investigation into a vicious killing that took place on his family's small cotton farm in Southeast Missouri when he was twelve years old. For more information, visit face book (Harold G. Walker – Author). The book, “*Murder on The Floodways,*” is characterized as Southern Gothic and has become a regional best seller receiving attention from screen writers.

The Grotto, Book One, recently published, tells the story of my entry into Vietnam as a first lieutenant helicopter pilot. A second book, due to be published in the coming year, is *The Grotto, Book Two*, that will complete the year of living dangerously..

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Walker is married to Kathleen, his wife, partner and best friend for the past 50 years. They have two sons, both of whom are practicing attorneys in the Chicagoland area.