

John H. Matthews

Originally from Laurel, Mississippi, John Matthews graduated from George S. Gardiner High School in Laurel in 1957 and went to Mississippi State University where he graduated in May 1961. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Army ROTC program and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Regular Army. He immediately reported to active duty with the 101st Airborne Division. During his military career, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam during the Vietnam Conflict; served two tours of duty with the 101st Airborne Division; attended the US Army Command and General Staff College; was assigned to the United States Military Academy as Assistant Professor of Mathematics; served with the Defense Communications Agency in Washington, DC where he was a Branch Chief; served at SHAPE Headquarters in Mons, Belgium where he was in the Plans and Policy Division on special assignment for General Bernard Rogers, SACEUR. He was assigned to the US Army War College faculty where he was the Director of Operational Simulations in the Department of War Gaming. John was selected for promotional to Colonel and retired in 1983.

John earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics at Mississippi State University; his Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology; and his Master of Business Administration from C. W. Post College, Long Island University.

Upon his retirement, John worked as a Technical Specialist for the Strategic Systems Division of GTE in Westboro, Mass. He was subsequently hired by Missile Systems Division, Rockwell International in Atlanta, Georgia where he served as Lead Analyst in the Operations Analysis Department. He was later promoted and named the Manager of Strategic Planning and Proposal Development. Upon leaving Rockwell International, he was named the Vice President and General Manager of Mason-Hanger National in Atlanta, GA. Later, he was responsible for the founding of Plasma Energy Applied Technology, Inc. (PEAT) a subsidiary of Mason-Hanger Silas Mason, Inc, where he was named the President of the company.

After leaving PEAT, he founded The Laurel Group, Inc, a business development consulting company with offices in Norcross, GA and Nashville, TN. In addition, he worked as Project Supervisor for ABUCK, Inc, a prefabricated metal structures company located in Smyrna, Georgia. Projects were located in Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. He was the project supervisor for Tieman Construction Company in Marietta, Georgia for 3 years. He served as Project Developer for Consultants and Builders, Inc in Norcross, Georgia developing construction projects for financial institutions.

John is an Accredited Claims Adjuster and is the managing partner of Network Claims Service, LLC, a public insurance adjusting company. He has over 5 years of catastrophic claims adjusting experience in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. In

addition, he is a certified home inspector and has been actively inspecting houses in the panhandle of Florida for eight years.

John and his wife, the former Nancy J. Strooband of Moline, Illinois, have been married for 48 years and have three married children and 7 grandchildren. They have been living in Pensacola for fourteen years. John is a Past Commodore of the Pensacola Yacht Club and he and Nancy are members of Christ Church Episcopal in Pensacola. John served as Chairman of the Beer and Wine Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pensacola Jazz Society's JAZZFEST for three years. John is the current Commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

- 1961 Graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. Commissioned Second Lieutenant (Regular Army), US Army. Reported to Active Duty in the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
- 1971 Graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering. Operations Research/Systems Analysis was primary discipline.
- 1972 Graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- 1972-76 Assigned as Instructor and Assistant Professor of Mathematics, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.
- 1974 Graduated from C. W. Post College, Long Island University with a Master of Business Administration (Management)
- 1983 Retired from the US Army War College as a Lieutenant Colonel. Position of Director of Operational Simulations, Department of War Gaming.
- 1983 Held position of Member, Technical Engineering Staff, Strategic Systems Division, GTE, Westboro, MA
- 1984-89 Held position of Lead Analyst, Land Operations Group, Department of Operations Analysis, Missile Systems Division, Rockwell International. Promoted to Manager, Strategic Planning and Proposal Development.
- 1989-93 Vice President and General Manager, Mason and Hanger National, Inc. a Technical Engineering Services Company and subsidiary of Mason Hanger-Silas Mason, Inc.
- 1993-95 President, Plasma Energy Applied Technology, Inc. a subsidiary of Mason Hanger-Silas Mason, Inc
- 1995-present President, The Laurel Group, Inc. a business development consulting company.
- 2005 Received Certification as Residential Home Inspector and as Certified Mold Inspector.
- 2006 Received Certification as Public Claims Adjuster for the State of Florida. Also, licensed in Mississippi and Louisiana.