

Colonel Carmen N. Pastino
United States Marine Corps, Retired

Colonel Pastino was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1940. After graduation from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in 1958, he attended Shippensburg University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with an Accounting Major. Upon graduation in 1962, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

After completing The Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, in December 1962, Colonel Pastino attended the Unit Support Officers Course at Montford Point, North Carolina. He remained in North Carolina for the next year, and served as Accounting Officer for the 2nd Services Battalion, 2nd Marine Division.

In June 1964, he was ordered to Marine Barracks, Naples, Italy, and served as Officer in Charge of the Guard Section. During his tour in Naples, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in June 1966. One year later in June 1967, he was assigned to Vietnam where he served with the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division as Supply Officer and Battalion S-4.

Upon his return to the United States in July 1968, he served as the Supply Officer at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, until February 1969 when he attended the Amphibious Warfare School. After completing the school in July 1969, he was assigned to the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as Officer in Charge of the Emergency Operations Center. In March 1972, he was promoted to Major and subsequently assigned to Marine Barracks, 8th and I, Washington, DC as the Barracks S-4.

In July 1976 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, which was followed by two consecutive assignments as Commanding Officer of Logistics Support Units, based out of Okinawa, Japan. Colonel Pastino was assigned to a second tour of duty at the Defense Industrial Supply Center and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in December 1979. Upon completion of his tour in June 1979, he served two years as Marine Corps Aide and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Shipbuilding and Logistics). He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in November 1983 while attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and graduated in June 1984. From June 1984 to June of 1988, Colonel Pastino was assigned to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia, serving as the Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff for Logistics Operations; Director, Repair Division; and Director, Technical Support Division.

Upon completion of his tour in Albany, Georgia, in 1988, Colonel Pastino was assigned as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of Support, Marine Corps Base, Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, Virginia. He held that position until his retirement in October 1991.

Colonel Pastino's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit with two stars; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Navy Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation Navy/Marine Corps; Meritorious Unit Commendation Army; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with one sliver and two bronze stars; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Colonel Pastino also received his Masters Degree in Management and Supervision from Central Michigan University in 1979.

After retirement Colonel Pastino worked for the Supreme Court of Virginia as a Magistrate in Stafford County. Colonel Pastino was married to the former Marjorie Treder of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Shippensburg State University, in June 1963, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

The Pastino's children are Major John C. and Sharon (Selby) Pastino, USA and Major Philip M. and Kristin (Pinckard) Pastino, USMC. There are three grandchildren.