

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT MORGAN
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Robert Morgan who retires today as a Lieutenant Colonel is the Attorney General of North Carolina. At a very early age -- certainly earlier than most people launch a political career -- he was elected the Clerk of Superior Court in his county and then while still in his twenties, was elected State Senator. Though he represented a rural eastern North Carolina district, his influence quickly became Statewide as he helped shape major issues within the State. His fellow senators recognized his leadership ability and his devotion to his State's political life by naming him to the Senate's highest office, President Pro tempore in 1965.

He willingly interrupted his college education in 1944 to serve with the United States Navy during World War II and when the Korean conflict developed he returned to active duty to serve aboard the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge as a combat information center officer.

After the end of the Korean conflict, he continued his interest in the Nation's military service through membership in the United States Navy Reserve. Though an attorney by profession, his interests were broader than just the law and so he chose to be assigned to a unit involved in naval control of shipping.

After his election as Attorney General, Robert Morgan became more acutely aware of the tremendous need for better communication between the military service and the legal systems in their respective states. He shortly thereafter asked to be transferred to the United States Air Force Reserves as a Judge Advocate and served in the litigation section.

He has pioneered in improving the communications and liaison between military legal officers and State criminal justice officials in his own State of North Carolina. Just recently he and his staff hosted a two-day seminar which the members of the various Judge Advocate Generals' Offices in North Carolina say has substantially increased their

ability to represent the members of their respective services in his State.

He has won the respect of his peers in the National Association of Attorneys General and now serves as Vice President of that organization and is immediate past Chairman of the Southern Conference of Attorneys General.

As a member of the National Association, he chairs the very prestigious Committee on the Office of the Attorney General with an extensive legal and research staff located in Raleigh. Because of his long standing interest in the military service, he was appointed Chairman of the Association's Committee on Civil and Military Affairs composed of five Attorneys General, three State Adjutant Generals and the Judge Advocates of each of the military services.

His combined interest and efforts on behalf of joint cooperation between civilian and military legal officials are unparalleled and hopefully mark the beginning of a day throughout the United States.

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He and his wife Katie have two daughters ten and twelve and an adopted son Rupert, who, by the way, is in the United States Air Force.