

Richard M. MacDonald, MD

Richard M. MacDonald, M.D. graduated from the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in 1962. He attended the College of Charleston for post baccalaureate study and then entered and graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1967. During his college years, Dr. MacDonald participated in the United State Air Force ROTC but was later commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve during medical school. Subsequently, Dr. MacDonald completed an Internal Medicine Internship at the Northwestern University Memorial Medical Center-Passavant Memorial Hospital in 1968, and entered active duty as a Captain in the U.S. Army in the role of Resident in Psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center later that same year. Dr. MacDonald's active duty military medical career lasted 22 years until he retired in December, 1989 with the rank of Colonel following two below-the-zone promotions. During his active duty career, he completed his general psychiatry training and was selected by the Surgeon General for fellowship training in adolescent psychiatry at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. He subsequently served several clinical and administrative assignments that included four assignments as Consultant at the Office of the Surgeon General or Headquarters, 7th Medical Command (Europe) in the professional areas of Psychiatry, Neurology and Substance Abuse. He was selected as the third Student Affairs' Dean at the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in May of 1983 while still serving on active duty. After military retirement, Dr. MacDonald has remained at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in the same position. Dr. MacDonald holds several awards that include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, the USUHS Outstanding Civilian Educator Award, the American Psychiatric Association's Nancy C.A. Roeske Award of Excellence for Outstanding and Sustained Contributions to Medical Education and the silver medal of recognition from Poland's Wojskowa Akademia Medyczna.