

Profile

I am of mixed ethnic heritage, Irish and Alaska Native. My wife of 21 years is Terry Mirhara-Monegan, and have a family of four surviving children and now five grandchildren. As my father was killed in action during the Korean War, I was raised both by my mother in Seattle, WA. and my grandparents in Niyac, AK.; a rural gold mining community of 54. After an honorable discharge from USMC, I settled into a career of public safety.

Experience

- State of Alaska's Department of Corrections (DOC) – Interim Commissioner, 11/2015-2/2016
- Alaska Native Justice Center - President, 2011-2014.
An Alaska Native non-profit agency advocating equity for all in Alaska's justice system. Duties included working with tribal, state, and federal entities to address programs and funding issues; also with federal oversight agencies regarding grant funds. Annual budget - \$1.4M
- Anchorage School District - Title VII Cultural Enrichment Specialist, 2009-2010.
A position to promote pride in Alaska Native students of their cultural heritage. Created and staffed a summer school program for 300 students from 1st through 12th grades, including screening and hiring staff.
- State of Alaska's Department of Public Safety (DPS) - Commissioner, 2006-2008.
A governor's cabinet position responsible for public safety for the state, that included oversight in addition to DPS's five divisions; the State Crime Lab; the Alcohol Beverage Control Board; the Council of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Duties included working with Alaska's Federal delegation; other federal and state agencies; the Alaska State Legislature; local and other states' law enforcement agencies; and local community and tribal entities. Annual budget - \$190M
- Anchorage Police Department - Chief of Police, 2001-2006
Anchorage is Alaska's largest community and the state's largest police agency. Duties included oversight of municipal police operations; and, working with: federal, state, and local police/public safety agencies, to include within the Incident Command System; the Anchorage Assembly; and, local community councils and ethnic groups. Annual Budget - \$80M.

Education / Significant Training

- National Executive Institute, FBI, Quantico, VA. 2006
- Senior Executives in State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Boston, MA. 2003
- Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Administration, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK. 1992
- Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. 1991

Recognitions

Leadership and communicative skills, as recognized by: Anchorage's Korean and Samoan communities; Alaska Native Justice Center; Alaska's YWCA; Alaska's RuralCap; and, the Alaska Village Initiatives. Commitment and dedication; as recognized by the 2004 session of the Alaska State Legislature. And, Compassion; as published in the Anchorage Daily News in 2001 and 2006.