

John J. Perrone Jr.



Professional Service

Colonel (Ret) John Perrone currently serves as the Director of the Homeland Security Management Institute, an initiative of Monroe Community College. The Institute is responsible for training and educating first responders and others who have a role in preparing, preventing, responding and mitigating major incidents

Prior to this assignment COL Perrone served in the United States Army and Army Reserve for 34 years. He held several Command and Senior leadership positions while serving with the 98th Division (USAR) in upstate New York. In 2001, Colonel Perrone was selected to return to active duty as the Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Chief of the 2002 US Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. In the aftermath of September 11, Colonel Perrone played a critical role in executing the largest integrated security event of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in US History.

After the Olympic Games, Colonel Perrone was selected to be the Commander of the Joint Detainee Operations Group at Guantanamo Bay Cuba. As the Commander of the al Qaeda Terrorist Detention Facility, COL Perrone commanded 1200 soldiers conducting long term detention operations that included receiving, securing and caring for over 600 suspected terrorist in support of the Global War on Terrorism. His duties also included escort operations in and out of Afghanistan, linguist and intelligence support and coordination with numerous Federal and State law enforcement agencies.

Prior to his return to active duty, COL Perrone served for 30 years as a local law enforcement officer in numerous positions and assignments at the Monroe County Sheriff's Department in Rochester, New York. He retired in 2001 at the rank of Major of Operations and Division Commander to re-enter military service.

Civic Involvement

- Past President of the FBI National Academy Graduates of New York and Eastern Canada Chapter
- Advisory Board member for State University of New York at Brockport, MPA Program
- Member, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Member, Military Police Regimental Association

Civic Involvement continued

- Life Member, Reserve Officer's Association
- Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Member American Legion
- Member, American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS International)
- Past Golf Chairman, Annual Cystic Fibrosis Golf Tourney
- Founding member of Homeland Security Team of the American Association of Community Colleges
- Volunteer Military Mentor for returning Veterans at MCC
- Volunteer, Crime Stoppers, Rochester Chapter.
- Member of Monroe County Veterans Advisory Board

Honors and Awards

- Legion of Merit
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster
- Meritorious Service with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Army Achievement Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars
- Army Reserve Achievement Medal with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Army Service Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M Device and Gold Hour Glass"
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal
- District Attorney Outstanding Citizen of the Year 2X
- Italian American Law Enforcement Officer's Lifetime Achievement Award
- DARE Officer's Yearly Award for Civic Contribution
- John Fahi Humanitarian Award, NYC Police Department
- Eastridge High School Hall of Fame Recipient
- Monroe Community College Hall of Fame Recipient
- Inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame

Education

COL Perrone holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, the National Defense University and the FBI National Academy.