

OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY
OF
GEORGE A. McNENNEY

George A. McNenney served as the Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Customs Service, for West Texas and New Mexico from November 1994 to July 1998. As the head of Investigations for Customs in this critical region, Mr. McNenney had direct oversight for all Customs investigative and prosecutorial matters in West Texas and the State of New Mexico.

Mr. McNenney was a member of the Board of Directors for the West Texas and New Mexico HIDTA Executive Boards, as well as an Executive Board Member of the United States / Mexico Border Liaison Mechanism. On July 20, 1995, at an awards ceremony in Reston, Virginia, SAC McNenney accepted a plaque on behalf of the SAC/El Paso Office in recognition of outstanding achievements in implementing intelligence mechanisms to address the narcotics smuggling threat in the El Paso/Juarez Corridor. Presenting SAC McNenney with the award was then Customs Commissioner George Weise and United States Attorney General Janet Reno.

Prior to his assignment in El Paso, Mr. McNenney was the U.S. Customs Special Agent in Charge in the Caribbean Area from June 1990 to November 1994, stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He had principal responsibility for Customs operations in Puerto Rico, the U S. Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, as well as 21 countries in the Caribbean Basin. McNenney also served as the Law Enforcement Liaison Chairman for the Customs Caribbean Coordinating Committee, encouraging intelligence information gathering and sharing among 22 foreign island nations in the Caribbean Basin.

Mr. McNenney entered federal service On June 26, 1972 as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in New York City. He received numerous commendations for his extensive undercover assignments purchasing firearms and explosives from organized criminal elements in New York City, Cleveland, Ohio and Miami, Florida.

In February of 1982, Mr. McNenney transferred to the United States Customs Service in Miami, Florida as a journeyman criminal investigator. Shortly after entering the Customs Service, he was selected as the Group Supervisor for the newly created Strategic Group, where he was responsible for overseeing, investigating and prosecuting violators engaged in the illegal exports of US technology and weapon systems to the Former Soviet Union countries, Cuba, and other proscribed destinations. For his work in this area, Mr. McNenney was presented by then Customs Commissioner William Von Raab with the Yorktown Award, the highest Customs Award given to field managers for Supervisory Excellence.

After graduating from Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York, Mr. McNenney attended Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania, where he

received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Humanities, with a major in English Literature. In June of 1996, he received his Masters of Science Degree in Management from National-Louis University, McLean, Virginia.

McNenney retired from the Customs Service in El Paso on July 18, 1998, after a 26-year federal law enforcement career, to pursue a business opportunity in the private sector. Just prior to his retirement, Mr. McNenney was presented with the “Conquistador Award” for management excellence in law enforcement matters from then El Paso City Mayor Carlos Ramirez. The Conquistador is the highest award presented by the Mayor’s Office to a resident of El Paso.

On August 18, 1998, Mr. McNenney joined U.E.T.A., Inc a subsidiary of World Duty Free Americas, the largest retailer of tax-free and Customs duty-free merchandise in the southwest border, as their Divisional Director of Customs Regulatory Compliance, and was subsequently given the added responsibility as their Divisional Director of Loss Prevention. The area McNenney oversaw for U.E.T.A. was from San Ysidro, California to Brownsville, Texas, where Mr. McNenney became very acquainted with the different communities in the southwest border.

On November 30, 2001, Mr. McNenney left UETA to establish an exclusive Italian restaurant on the west side of El Paso. The restaurant, called Il Posto Italiano, is now owned and operated by his son, Frank, who moved to El Paso from Orlando, Florida where he was a regional manager for a chain of very successful restaurants.

From 2003 until he joined the El Paso Water Utilities as the Utility Security Coordinator on November 6, 2006, Mr. McNenney established his own company, McNenney Consulting. Through this company, McNenney became an independent contractor with the Federal government conducting Personnel Security Investigations for individuals who wanted to join Federal Service as Border Patrol Agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers.

Mr. McNenney, a native of Havana, Cuba, has been married to his wife Joanne Brown for 36 years and they have three children, Amy 34, Frank 32, and Dorothy 22, as well as granddaughters Gabriella Virginia, age 10 and Fiona Ryleigh, age 2 years. The McNenney’s first grandson was born in January of 2007.