

Pioneer Hall of Fame: Dr. Hetzal Hartley, class of 1973



University High School honors Dr. Hetzal Hartley, class of 1973, as a 2011 inductee to the Pioneer Hall of Fame for his contributions and achievements in the field of occupational medicine, as well as his service to our nation.

Dr. Hartley has over twenty-five years of specialized experience in occupational and emergency medicine. He currently serves as the Medical Director of the Carilion Occupational Medicine Program in Roanoke, Virginia, which serves over 400 companies and provides emergency care for industrial injuries, as well as evaluation and treatment of occupational diseases. He also is the Medical Director for Carilion Employee Health, which has over 10,000 employees working in an eight-hospital system.

At a national level, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration selected Dr. Hartley as a member of the Certification Test Working Integrated Product Team in 2007, which developed examinations for certifying medical examiners that perform driver physicals for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

As a teaching physician, Dr. Hartley holds positions as Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine for the University Virginia School of Medicine and as Assistant Professor for Basic Science and Internal Medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

In 2010, he received the title of Fellow from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He consults on preparedness planning for city, county and military disaster exercises. He regularly serves as an expert in occupational and emergency medicine, industrial site surveys, undersea medicine, aerospace medicine, and public health.

He is retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, having served as the commander of the 315th AMDS Clinic at Charleston Air Force Base. He served in the Persian Gulf War, and was involved in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He logged over 1,000 hours of flight time as a flight surgeon. He has received numerous major military awards and decorations, including the Air Force Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Global War on Terror Service Medal.

After U-High, Dr. Hartley attended Illinois State University and received his bachelor's degree in biology from Northwestern University. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, as well as a master's in public health, with an emphasis in occupational health, from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed his internship, residency, and chief residency at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He also holds advance degrees and training from the School of Aerospace Medicine at

Brooks AFB, Texas; U.S. Army's Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Dr. Hartley and his wife Teri, reside in Roanoke, Virginia. Dr. Hartley's sisters are also graduates of U-High, Gretel Harley, class of 1970 and Litzie Hartley Sheehan, class of 1982.