

# Biography of Marcus Barber

## Marcus For Mayor!



Marcus is a Seminole local, born and raised with his sister Kim by Mike and Diane Barber. His parents owned and operated 'Barbers' Auto Body' from 1972 to 2000. Marcus has been married to his wife Jennifer for 26 years. Together, they have two daughters, Liberty, a Senior at Florida Gulf Coast University and Promise, a Freshman at St. Petersburg College.

Before his return to Seminole, Marcus served honorably for 20 years as a Helicopter Crew Chief and Rescue Swimmer in the Navy. He flew and operated in the SH-60F/H, MH60R and MH60S helicopters and logged well over 3000 flight hours. Marcus served in many helicopter squadrons including, HS-5, VX-1, HS-11 HSM-40 and HSM-37 and aboard many Naval ships including, USS Eisenhower CVN 69, USS Kennedy CV 67, USS Enterprise CVN 65, to name just a few. Marcus and his family have been stationed at Naval Station Coronado, Naval Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Patuxent River, Naval Station Mayport and Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Now, Marcus is the owner and lead instructor of Revive In Time CPR LLC which was established here in Seminole in 2018.

"I proudly served my country, and now I look forward to proudly serving my community."

### **Education**

Seminole Elementary 1978 - 1982

Orange Grove Elementary 1983 - 1984

Madeira Beach Middle School 1985 – 1987

Seminole High School 1988 – 1991

St Petersburg Junior College 1992 – 1993

Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor School 2004 (Helicopter equivalent to Top Gun)

Associate's degree from St Petersburg Junior College 2010

Master Training Specialist Qualification 2011

7 of 7 Enlisted Academy courses 2015 – 2016

Bachelor's Degree from St Petersburg College 2017

Defense Acquisition University (DAU) multiple courses to include ACQ 101, ISA 101, CLE028, CLM 031 CLC051 and many more. 2017

### **Community Positions**

- Executive Board Member at American Legion Post 273 Current
- Board member at the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Current

### **Employment**

- Self-employed: Revive In Time CPR LLC American Heart Association CPR Instructor from 2018 – Current
- Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Seminole, 2021-2024
- Bay Pines Veterans Administration, 2018 – 2021
- US Postal Service Tarpon Springs Post Office, 2018
- United States Navy, 1998 – 2018
- Barbers Auto Body, 1992 – 1998 (Seminole)
- Pursley Turf and Garden, 1990 (Seminole)
- Rogers Real Pit BBQ, 1989 (near Seminole)

### **Accolades (Civilian)**

- Awarded Boss of the Year 2023 for Excellence in Business in the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce!
- The Good Samaritan award was awarded by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for saving a life on November 14, 2023, here in Seminole.

### **Accolades (Military)**

- 1 Air Medal awarded while serving in the Persian Gulf War
- 9 Navy and Marine Corps Medals
- 2005 Junior Sailor of the Day aboard the USS Gettysburg
- 2005 Sailor of the Month
- 2008 Selected Sailor of the Year
- 2012 Selected Enlisted Leader of the Year
- 2018 Honorably retired from the US Navy
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (earned for teaching hundreds of kids in a four-year period how to swim and save others from drowning at the local elementary in Mayport Florida).

- Earned the Certificate of Achievement for completing Personal Financial Management Program to serve as a Command Financial Specialist

Marcus Deployed to the Persian Gulf in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism

### **Volunteer Activities**

- Co-manages Treeshouse Treasures USA, a nonprofit which promotes kindness in the community and brings awareness to bullying in schools, as well as the emotional needs of military children
- Transported goods to hurricane victims on Pinellas County beaches representing the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce (Hurricane Milton and Helene)



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