



Dr. Frank Roland Faunce
Class of 1956

After his high school graduation in 1956, Frank Roland Faunce attended Purdue University from 1956 to 1957, and Indiana University from 1957 to 1960, graduating with an A.B. degree. He then enrolled at IU's School of Dentistry, graduating in 1964. Dr. Faunce went on to have a long civilian and military career in dentistry. In his private practice of pediatric dentistry, he focused on the care of handicapped and medically compromised and special care children.

He has been a professor at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, Texas, the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry in Augusta, Ga., the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry in Jackson, Miss., and Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta, Ga., (where he was the chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and co-chair of the Department of Growth and Development).

He has published many research articles in various scientific journals and written a book on aesthetic dentistry as well as been an editor for the American Dental Association's publication on aesthetic dentistry. Dr. Faunce has given over 150 presentations to professional groups and lectured extensively at universities and professional meetings in North America, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. He has been granted nine patents for his research by the U.S. Patent and Trademarks Office and has been interviewed by various national and foreign newspapers, magazines, and national news networks.

Professional appointments include: chairman, Scientific and Coordinator Committee XVI International Dental Congress of the Mexican Dental Association; consultant, Board of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; referee, editorial staff, Journal of Pediatric Dentistry; contributor, Exam of American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; member, Committee on Color, American Dental Association Council on Dental Materials; media spokesperson on aesthetics in dentistry for the American Dental Association; and contributor to the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress.

Dr. Faunce began his military career in 1966 in the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He served a total of 26 years and 3 months in the military in numerous locations and positions, most notable IMA, director, Dental Science Division, Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from 1990 to 1992, and Command Dental Surgeon for the Third U.S. Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., from 1992 to 1999. He served during the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. Col. Faunce was awarded the Order of Military Merit by the U.S. Army and was knighted in the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller in Arlington, Va., while stationed at the U.S. Army Institute for Dental Research, Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He is also a Serving Brother in the British Venerable Order of Saint John. The Order of Saint John is a major international medical charity which provides aid, medical care hospitals, and support services in many countries around the world. It was founded more than 900 years ago during the First Crusade and was headquartered in Rhodes and later in Malta.