

# City native promoted to Army Colonel

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Lt. Col. Perry J. Seawright was surrounded by family and friends as he was promoted to colonel on Friday, Aug. 8 at the Pentagon. The ceremony was hosted by Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Seamonds, director of Military Personnel Management.

Col. Seawright, the son of Perry and Barbara Parks Seawright, is a native of Winston-Salem. His wife, Sharon Walker Seawright, is a representative for the Department of Homeland Security. The couple resides in Fayetteville, Ga.

He attended Chinquapin Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Davie County, and he says many of his successes can be attributed to the teachings he received from his church family. He attended William R. Davie (County) Elementary School, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Benedict in Winston-Salem and Denbige High School in Newport News, Va., from which he graduated.

He earned a degree in history from Norfolk State University, where he was inducted into the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Honor Society of Who's Who in America and commissioned a Distinguished Military Aviation Graduate of 1989.

Colonel Seawright holds a MS degree in management from Webster University in St. Louis and a MS degree in strategy from the Army War College in Carlisle,



Submitted Photos  
Col. Perry J. Seawright (second, right) poses with family and friends after his swearing.

Left: Col. Perry J. Seawright is given the oath by Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Seamonds.

Executive Officer C-1/222 Aviation Regiment, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Company Commander Supply and Transport Company, 1st Support Battalion, Multi-National Force and Observer, Sinai, Egypt; Chief Transportation Tasking 501st Corps Support Group, Ft. Bragg; Company Commander Newark Recruiting Company, New York City; Operations Officer, CONUS Replacement Center, Ft. Benning; Deputy Defense Coordinating Officer (FEMA Region IV), Fifth Army, Atlanta; and Special Operations Program Manager, NATO Special Operations command, Afghanistan. Col. Seawright is currently assigned to the Directorate of Personnel Management Headquarters Department of the Army.

Colonel Seawright's awards and decorations include the Bronze Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd award), the Army Commendation Medal (4th award), the Joint Service Achievement Medal (2nd award), the Parachutist Badge, the

Air Assault Badge and the Basic Recruiter Identification Badge.

After receiving his promotion, he presented his wife and mother with a fresh bouquet of spring flowers and thanked his family.

"Your parents want you to do better than they did. My mother would say, 'Perry, a day will come when you will have to make a way out of no way,' and that day has come several times, and I thank the Lord that he brought me through those 'no ways,'" he said. "My dad emphasized that I should never start a job that I am not able to complete, that 'whatever you do, be sure you do it the very best that you can.' These remarks have weighed heavily on what I do, but I have always been a soldier."

Among those who attended the Promotion ceremony were his brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Crystal Seawright and three of their four children, Seth, Areia and Gideon, of Charlotte; Luther Jones, his godfather, of Winston-Salem; and Mary Estacion, a longtime friend and reporter for The Pentagon Channel, WJLA-TV.

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Kaypri with her mom, Dorothy Hampton Marcus.

## Daughter to promote mom's book

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Author Kaypri is attending the Bookmarks Festival of Books this weekend and taking part in a series of other local activities.

She is touting a book by her mother, Dorothy Hampton Marcus. "I Didn't Know What I Didn't Know: A Southern White Woman's Story About Race" tells of how Marcus, a white Winston-Salem native, had a full career working behind-the-scenes in the Civil Rights Movement.

In the 1950s, Marcus took part in interracial dialogues with Shaw University students when she was in undergrad at Meredith College. Before she could complete her book, she was diagnosed with dementia. Her daughter finished and edited a working draft for her mother's 80th birthday in 2012, and independently released a final version in the spring of

2014. Tomorrow (Friday, Sept. 5), Kaypri, an actress and teaching artist, will take part in a fundraiser for the Malloy Jordan Library that will be held at the Central Library, 660 W 5th St., at 2 p.m. She will appear throughout the day - from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. - during Bookmarks, which will take place in and around the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts, 251 N. Spruce St., on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Kaypri will be interviewed by Darlene Vincent of 90.5 FM at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7. Also on Sunday, she will appear at Green Street Methodist Church, 639 S. Green St., at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., she will give a presentation at the Malloy Jordan Library 110 E. 7th St.

To learn more about the book, go to [www.dorothystory.com](http://www.dorothystory.com).

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