

The Short Story of “Who is” Donald ‘Donnie’ Hayhurst



Donald Hayhurst is a 6th generation Idahoan and came to Idaho at 2 months old as his father left San Diego Naval Station and his US Navy career, to raise his family.

- Initially the family ranch was in Ferdinand ID but then moved to Lewiston and along with grandparents managed a ranch in Tammany. At age 8, Donald moved to the Lewiston Orchards.
- Joined the Orchards Community Church which inspired him to later attend a Christian College.
- Age 12-16 joined every Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Judo, and Aikido class in the LC Valley.
- Raised through the public school system and graduated from Lewiston High School Class of 82. Specialized interests were radio, journalism, and photography.
- Went to Barrington Christian College, Barrington RI for a major in Business Administration and a minor in Computer Science.
- Providence College, Providence RI to continue Computer Science studies.
- Went into the US Air Force in 1985 and served for 14 years.
 - Special Ops assigned to Hurlburt Field FL, reassigned to the Air Force Intelligence Command in 1990 until medical separation in late 1999.
 - Served on various Inspector General Teams and assisted in developing the Quality Control Initiatives throughout the Air Force Intelligence Agency.
- The Hayhurst Family brought into this world three children. Two sons and one daughter. Now there are four grandchildren and hopefully ... in time more.
- Attended the University of Maryland during his 8 years serving in Okinawa Japan, expanding language studies.
- While serving in Japan, continued a martial arts career and achieved a 4th degree black belt in Okinawan Karate
- Upon separation from the Air Force, Hayhurst moved to N. Virginia and used networking connections to start two businesses that resulted in six retail stores throughout the Washington DC area. The businesses were sold in 2003 and began a consulting career to spend more time with family.

- Upon returning to the US, Hayhurst then has planted Karate schools in Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, and Texas. His students continue on and Hayhurst now frequents and teaches seminars specializing in realistic self-protection.
- From 2003 his work turned into consulting, marketing and sales in the Hospitality Industry and eventually became a public speaker against the Timeshare Industry and an advocate for consumer protection rights.
- 2023 Two Okinawan Masters awarded Hayhurst his 8th degree black belt in his US propagation of Okinawan Karate and authorship of books of the same.
- In October 12th, 2024, Hayhurst returned to the LC Valley due to his seniors' poor health. Now his seniors surviving are his step-mother Barbara Hayhurst, and aunt and uncle Ronald and Jackie Hayhurst.
- Rejoined the Orchards Community Church.
- Retired on 7/24/2026 to pursue a long-time desire to go into public service in the home he was raised and loves.
- While until recently, Mr. Hayhurst has been flying out each week to work all over these United States, he has not had the time to serve in volunteer positions in the local area. After the election the causes that will get his service will be at a start, mentoring VA Vets in the County Court Rehabilitation program and VA suicide prevention. These he is passionate about. The reason he is not extending himself to charities and causes before the election is sole focus needs to be on the campaign. As often candidates go out and join causes as a 'show' to pander for votes. Mr. Hayhurst is going to flip that and plan time appropriately and justly to account for the County Clerk-Auditor duties and balance community involvement experience.
- **Hayhurst seeks your vote in the General Election for Nez Perce County Clerk-Auditor. The rest is going to be history.**

