

Biography of Hal Daub

Hal graduated from Omaha, Nebraska Benson High School in 1959, there was President of the Student Council, Valedictorian of his graduating class of 366 students, Drum Major of the Marching Band, National Forensic League Degree of Distinction, Deputy Commander of the ROTC detachment, World-Herald Scholar; received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1963, there was President of Student Government, inducted into Thurtene Junior Honorary, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, active in his Greek letter social fraternity Kappa Sigma; earned his law degree from University of Nebraska in 1966, there serving as the Regional Vice President for the Student Law Association of the American Bar Association and selected s the Most Outstanding Law Student in the Nation by his Law School Fraternity, Delta Theta Phi; and served as a Captain, U.S. Army Infantry, Platoon Leader and Company Commander with the Second United States Infantry Division, Korea, from 1966-1968, after finishing First in his Infantry Basic Training Class at Ft. Benning Georgia.

Hal practiced law in Omaha with the firm of Fitzgerald, Brown, Leahy, McGill & Strom from 1968 to 1971; was Vice-President and General Counsel with Standard Chemical Manufacturing Company from 1971 to 1981; elected to and served four-terms in the United States House of Representatives working for Nebraskans as a member of the most powerful and influential committee of the Congress, the Ways and Means Committee from 1981 to 1989; campaigned for the U. S. Senate on two occasions; was a principal and partner in the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche from 1989 to 1995; served as the twice-elected Mayor of the City of Omaha from 1995 until 2001; was elected to the Boards of the Nebraska League of Municipalities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities, and was

President of the National Republican Mayors and Local Officials Association for six years; was elected to be a Delegate to the last eleven Republican National Conventions, served as Vice-Chairman of the Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority Board, was Chairman of Community Health Charities of America National Board, National Committeeman for the Nebraska Republican Party, was President and CEO of the American Health Care Association, and is was a Partner and is now retired Senior Counsel with Husch Blackwell law firm. Appointed by President G.H.W. Bush to the National Advisory Commission on the Public Service in 1990 and nominated by President George W. Bush, to serve a six-year term on the permanent statutory Social Security Advisory Board and as a result of confirmation by the U.S. Senate on January 25, 2002 and at the direction of the President, on February 5, 2002, serve as its Chair for the next four years. Hal was a delegate to the 2006 White House Conference on Aging. He served as a publicly elected member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Hal's civic, charitable, and philanthropic endeavors past and present, are well known, and include: Member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic York Rite Temple Corporation, Nebraska; Heart Association Past President and Board Chairman; United Way/Chad, Professional Section Past Chairman; Optimists International; Downtown Rotary Club of Omaha; Autism Action Partnership Board of Directors; Salvation Army Advisory Board; CHI – Bergan Hospital Community Board; Wounded Warriors Family Support National Board; South Omaha Eagles No. 154; 33rd Degree and Scottish & York Rite Mason; Membership in and supporter of Joslyn Museum, Henry Doorly Zoo, Durham Museum, Lauritzen Botanical Gardens, Fontenelle Forest Association, Nebraska Historical and Douglas County Historical Societies; Red Cross Gallon Club, Omaha Community Playhouse, Omaha Area Youth Orchestra, Omaha Symphony, Children's Museum, Humane Society Friends Forever, Nebraska Diplomats, Friendship Force,

Freedom Foundation, Big Red Sub Club; First Responders Foundation; Trustee and Board Member Mid-America Boy Scouts Council, American Judicature Society, Nebraska Bar Foundation Bronze Award Fellow, South Omaha Eagles, and Hal is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and member of Dundee Presbyterian Church. He and his wife have chaired fund raising events for Multiple Sclerosis Society, Alzheimer's Association, Nebraska Special Olympics, Rite Care for Monroe-Myers Institute, Omaha Home for Boys, Visiting Nurses Association; Friends of Scouting, Optimists Club, the Academic Decathlon, and many other organizations.

Hal has received numerous awards and citations, including: Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver Award in Scouting, and Citizen of the Year in 2003, Omaha Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame in 2004, Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame Inductee, 2019; Humanitarian Award by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Nebraska, 2004, Communication and Leadership Award from Toastmasters International, 2005; Father of the Year from the American Diabetes Association; Distinguished Nebraskan Award from the Nebraska Society of Washington D.C.; Distinguished Alumni Awards from Washington University, St. Louis and the University of Nebraska; Help is Hope Award, Autism Action Partnership; John T. Clark Memorial Award, Autism Center of Nebraska and many other recognitions for his work, service and leadership. More recently, Hal served as Chair of the Salvation Army "Be a Hero" luncheon, Tree of Lights Chairman and as a capital campaign chairman for Madonna School. He was a member of the Advisory Board of Grace University.

Hal is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2503, American Legion Post 112, "40 & 8" American Legion, Reserve Officers Association, and the Air Force Association.

As Congressman, he authored 200 separate pieces of legislation, many of which are in the law today – among them are requiring congressmen to pay Social Security taxes, and extending

IRA deductibility to the non-working, or W-2'd spouse. He was a pivotal player in enacting the 1986 Tax Reform Act and the Papio-Missouri Basin Reauthorization for the flood control, recreational dams and trails system we enjoy today.

As Mayor, Hal is remembered for transacting substantial rate reduction for all Omaha property tax payers, bringing innovations like Police helicopter to advance public safety, infra-red helmets to the fire departments, Sun Dawgs summer youth program to the Omaha Parks, Downtown riverfront development for a Convention Center and Arena, the First National Bank Tower, the Union Pacific Center, the Hruska Federal Court House, the Curtis Regional Park Service Headquarters, the South Omaha stockyards and North Omaha development projects and the West Dodge Expressway and too many others to name here.

Hal has three children and five grandchildren. He is married to the former Mary Mernin of Arapahoe, Nebraska.