DONAL NEIL O'CALLAGHAN 1971-1979

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Donal Neil "Mike" O'Callaghan was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1929. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and during a battle was hit in his left leg by a mortar round, causing the loss of his leg below the knee. For his service Governor O'Callaghan earned a Purple Heart, Bronze Star with "V", and Silver Star medals.

After recovering, O'Callaghan attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, earning a BS and MS in 1956. He was inducted in the University's Hall of Fame in 1971. Several colleges awarded him honorary doctorates: St. Martin's College, Olympia, Washington; the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Carroll College, Helena, Montana.