



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

### **GORDON, MARVIN EDWARD '39 "Mickey"**

Mickey Gordon, who attended every alumni reunion from the founding of the AMA Alumni Association in 1970 through Reunion 2001, passed away 31 January 2002 after a two year battle with cancer. He was 79. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 20 February next to his wife, Libby, who had died last June, also from cancer. Flags at the AMA Alumni House/Museum flew at half staff for three days.

Gordon served as the second President of the Alumni Association in 1971-74 following the death in a plane crash of Parker Ward, '54, the first president. The Gordons supported the alumni association in myriad ways, from accepting leadership roles to funding major parts of the AMA Alumni House Museum. They were nearly always the first to register for an AMA event and the first to contribute to an AMA cause. In recent years, they made substantial contributions to AMA's VMI Scholarship Fund.

AMA Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71, said, *"Mickey never met a stranger. He was dependable because he was at every meeting and every reunion. He was accountable because he was always there to donate his time, energy and money. He was patriotic as he was sure to speak proudly about the USA and his Marine Corps. We will miss Mickey and Libby and wish for them eternity together."*

The Gordons had lived in a house called "The Hayloft" near the Stone Church since 1972. Gordon was a native of Washington, D.C. and served as 1st Sergeant of B Company in his senior year at AMA. He went to the University of Virginia where he received a BA in economics in the midst of World War II. Mickey became a Marine and served in the Parachute Air Delivery Section, participating in the battles of Peleliu and Okinawa, attached to the 1st Marine Division. His unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for each engagement.

It was not difficult to get Mickey excited about anything relating to the United States Marine Corps! He was a life member of the 1st Marine Division Association, Marines' Memorial Club, the Marine Corps Association, and a director of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. He also was a board member of the Association of Survivors of Marine Parachute Units of World War II.

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The war over, Gordon joined Robert C. Jones and Company in Washington

in 1948. In 1957, he became a general partner in Jones Kreeger Company, which was a successor to Jones and Company. In 1982, Kreeger merged into Advest, Inc. where Mickey worked as an investment advisor until his death.

He was President of the Bond Club of Washington and a charter member of the International Association of Financial Planners. Gordon was President and a life member of the Navy League of the Shenandoah Valley. He was President of AMVETS, Post 13, Washington, a plank owner of the *USS Shenandoah*, and a member of the Army and Navy and City Tavern Clubs in Washington, and of the Kiwanis Club in Staunton.

A sports enthusiast, Gordon was an Associate Member of NFL Alumni and a member of the Touchdown Club. He and Libby had season tickets for all the home Washington Redskin games.

At Augusta four years, he managed the Peep football team and was on the fencing team. Mickey was consistently on the Honor Roll at AMA, a member of the Honor Committee, and was voted into *Ad Astra per Aspera* in his senior year.

Mickey Gordon's love for Augusta Military Academy may never be equaled.

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