



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

Anthony Tuckfield Reed, '55

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“CW” Company.

“AMA provided a home and guiding influence during a troubled period of my youth. The spirit of service I learned at AMA has stayed with me, and for that I thank AMA, its distinguished faculty, and the many friends I made in CW Company.”

British by birth, American by choice, Anthony “Tony” Reed is remembered as a patriot, mentor, trusted friend and leader. Born in the United Kingdom during the dark days of World War II, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Virginia with his mother, Phyllis Neese, and stepfather in 1947.

In 1957, he began his dual career when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and joined the C&P Telephone Company. During his Army career, Tony rose from Private to Colonel in Army Special Forces.

Upon his retirement, he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Secretary of the Army for his distinguished service and his key role in the transition of Civil Affairs into Special Operations Forces. Among his many military accomplishments and honors, he was most proud of two: achieving the status of Master Parachutist with over 900 recorded parachute jumps and his graduation from the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

After his retirement, he was named as Ambassador to the Chief of Army Reserve (Major General Equivalent). In this role, he was a passionate advocate for our “citizen soldiers” and worked tirelessly to recognize their sacrifices.

During his telephone career, he again rose through the ranks from telephone Warehouseman to Director in AT&T’s Federal Communications division. He served in various assignments, worked in Richmond, Washington, D.C., West Virginia and New



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York City, and was, at one time, Commercial Manager in Culpeper.

An avid reader, historian and believer in life-long learning, he earned a BA degree from National Louis University and a Master of Science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University while continuing to work full time.

He was a Senior Fellow at The International Strategic Studies Association. He was the former Commandant General of Countess Mountbatten's Own Legion of Frontiersmen and was recently awarded The Legion Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Bar, for exemplary service.

In addition, he was awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of the Star of Ethiopia and as well as Knight of the Military and Chivalric Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, under the protection of the Royal House of France, serving as Ambassador Emeritus.

Tony is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Reed; his two children, Julie Lynn and Anthony "Tuck" Reed, Jr.; and four grandchildren.

He will be interred with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.