



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

VOLPE, JOSEPH JOHN '48

Colonel Joseph John Volpe died 4 October 1995 at Chester, VA. No details available.

Volpe graduated from West Point and was commissioned in the Army. After several years service in the airborne infantry, he transferred to the Quartermaster branch and became an expert on petroleum product supply and distribution. He received numerous commendation medals for his service in CONUS, Europe, and Viet-Nam. Volpe retired in 1983 and worked with a civilian engineering firm for several years.

On 18 September 1998, the 240th Quartermaster Battalion at Fort Lee, VA, dedicated its headquarters building *"in memory of a petroleum pioneer, Colonel Joseph Volpe, known as 'Godfather of POL' (petroleum, oil, and lubricants)."* This was in recognition of the contributions made by Colonel Volpe to enhance the procedures for delivery of POL to combat units.

Volpe was at Augusta for one year: Headquarters Company, played on the Orchid Bowl champion AMA football team in 1947; Honor Roll; Baseball.

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