

Van Rametta, '70

Nominated by MSG(R) Don Studer / SHOF Member: As Don submitted: "When I arrived in 1969 at AMA, Van was the Captain of the Rifle Team & was one of the best shooters. I do not have his statistics as I was not keeping individual records until later. The year books should help. But his shooting was not the reason why I wish to nominate Van, but they may help. I had just returned from VN where I had the opportunity to shoot at people. I had never done any paper target shooting. Van took it upon himself to coach me. He (Van) assisted me with my organizational and coaching skills, and helped me with expectations during shooting matches. He taught me all about the Rifle League, the Schools involved, where they were & how well they did or didn't do. He instructed me on the shooting positions & what was allowed & what wasn't. Van explained the targets & how they were scored & how a match was conducted. In short he was the Coach that year & the Coach of the new Coach. Van was very much responsible for anything I was able to accomplish as a Coach at AMA, as well as the many other shooting events over the next 40 years. I'm really grateful to have had such a knowledgeable & patient mentor. My success as a rifle team coach began with Van!"



- Best New Cadet: 1968-69
- Band Company:
 - Staff Sergeant: 1968-69
 - Master Sergeant: 1969-70
- MT-1 (Corp Marksmanship Competition) Award: 1968
- MT-2 (Corp Marksmanship Competition) Award: 1969

Van played in two sports:

- Rifle (1968-70), lettering both years, team captain 1969-1970
- Tennis, lettering both years, team captain 1969-1970:
 - #5 (1968-69)
 - #2 (1969-70) and #1 Doubles (1969-70)

After graduating from AMA, Van attended University of Maryland overseas campus in Munich Germany, and then continuing at the College Park campus.

He graduated and moved to Colorado, working in Denver with the commercial banking industry. 18 years, culminating as a community bank president.

In 1990, moved back East and took an executive position within the Marriott Credit Card Division. He left there to work as a stock trader/day-trader, retiring in late 2009.

Van has spent last 13 years as volunteer docent at both Smithsonian Air & Space Museum complexes (Wash, DC and Dulles Airport).

