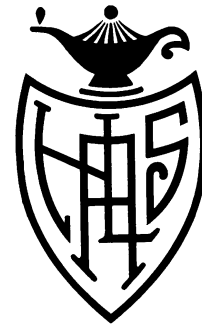




DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI - 2011

BG (RET) JAMES T. TUBERTY

CLASS OF 1946



James Thomas Tuberty was born on July 14, 1925, in Albert Lea, MN. He was the firstborn of three children of parents James and Beulah (Espey) Tuberty, both of whom were also Albert Lea High School graduates. He left high school after his junior year in 1943 to enlist in the Navy and served in World War II. After returning home from the war, he finished high school, graduating in the Class of 1946.

Then he entered the Army through a program titled Circular 330, which provided for a direct commission. He was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend the infantry Special Associate Basic Course on January 1, 1949. Upon completion, he was sent to Japan, assigned to the Second Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the First Cavalry Division at Camp McGill. He spent a year serving in the Korean War.

Upon return from the Korean War, he was assigned to the 10th Infantry Division. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College later to return there as a member of the faculty; he also graduated from the U.S. Army War College. He was graduated from the University of Omaha.

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After two tours of duty in the US Army Europe, he was transferred to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and senior advisor to the 18th ARVN Division while in Vietnam.

Before he left for Vietnam, he moved his family from the East Coast back to Albert Lea as he had fond memories of Albert Lea and wanted his family in a safe place. His daughter Virginia was a new student here as a senior and graduated in the Class of 1970.

He finished his military career stationed in Germany assigned to the 1st Armored Division as 2nd Brigade commander. He then went on to be Asst. Chief of Staff of 7th Corp. and was promoted to Brigadier General. He was assigned as Asst. Division Commander of the 3rd Armored Division in Giessen, Germany.

His military service saw him decorated for heroism and valor in three wars. For his courageous and meritorious service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, The Legion of Merit with One Oak Leaf Cluster and a Bronze Star Medal with Valor. He received several other distinguished service awards spanning his career.

Upon retirement from the US Army on July 1, 1975, he assumed a senior role with the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, assigned to the Seabrook Power station.

In 1948 he had married his wife Beverly (Erickson) Tuberty. They were married 61 years. They had two daughters, Virginia and Yvonne, both grown with families of their own, including four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Brigadier General (ret) James T. Tuberty lost his eight month battle with cancer on August 28, 2009, at home with his family.