



## John J. Doody COL USA (Ret.)

May 18, 1925 - July 23, 2011

Colonel John J. Doody was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 18, 1925 to Dr and Mrs. William Doody. Jack attended Xavier High School in New York City and graduated in 1942. He attended Columbia University for year and then enlisted in the Navy 1943-1944 serving on a mine sweeper in WWII. Attended West Point 1944-1948 and upon his graduation he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division Japan. In June of 1950 Jack was called upon to deploy with LTC Brad Smith, Task Force Smith, to engage the North Koreans just north of Osan Korea in the First Battle of the Korean War. 1st LT Doody fought gallantly as did others while conducting a delaying operation on 5 July 1950 while in heavy contact with several thousand North Korean regulars. Jack is very proud of TF Smith's actions that day and their Commander LTC Brad Smith.

Jack eventually rejoined his unit, B CO/ 1-21 Infantry and within a month received a battlefield promotion to Captain and took charge of his company just prior to the break out of the Pusan perimeter. He lead his company in an assault river crossing to outflank two enemy machine gun positions that had the rest of the battalion pinned down. He led his unit and assaulted through two enemy positions and relieved pressure for the rest of the battalion to cross. For his actions that day he received the Silver Star.

CPT Jack Doody, would continue to command his company in numerous

combat operations from the Naktong River to the Yalu and finally culminating at the 34th parallel. His action in command would earn him the Combat Infantry Badge, which he was honored to wear. He was also part of the Military Society of the Blue Badge (fraternity of combat infantrymen)

After Korea Jack went on serve in Germany and helped with the activation of the German Army – 1955. Served as the Secretary of the General staff, Eighth Army, 62-63. Commanded the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, Fort Lewis, WA. 63-65. Jack continued his service in Washington serving on the Army Staff in R&D and did a tour in Vietnam at MACV Headquarters 69-70. He eventually landed in Germany and served as the Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division (FWD) Augsburg 70-72. Success continued to move his career as the Special Assistant to Chief of Staff, SHAPE 72-74. Jack culminated his career as the Professor of Military Science at Norwich University 74-78. He stayed on at Norwich to serve on the staff until his last retirement in 1981 when he and Jean moved to Florida

Jack's 31 year career spanned three Wars and numerous assignment with troops and in key staff positions. He touched many lives over the course of career and many have touched him with their honor and sacrifice.

Jack was a devote Catholic from his early days at home and especially while attending Xavier High School. While in retirement both Jack and Jean devoted them selves to their local parish and were involved in building three churches as well as being the Lector for each church. His personal involvement and devotion to the Catholic Church made a difference in establishing these three churches, which provided a place for local Catholics to worship.

Jack was deeply devoted to his wife of 62 years, Jean Kilbride from Stratford CT. Jean was with Jack saying payers on 23 July 2011 when he passed away. He is also survived by three sons, Jay Doody and his Wife Mildred from New

Haven CT, COL (RET) USAF and Mrs Jim Doody, wife Clarie with three grand kids – CPT Alyssa and Patrick Martell and their great grand child Hunter, Catlin and William, COL (RET) Army, and Mrs. Mark Doody, wife Kathy and two grand kids Laura and Matthew. He is also survived by his sister Gertrude Kennelly from New Haven CT.

A viewing will be held Wednesday 27 July from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria VA. 22315. A funeral mass will be held 28 July, 1030, St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA.

COL Doody will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery pending notification of a date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Doody COL USA (Ret.)*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *I was a freshman 'Rook' at Norwich University in February 1977 when tragedy struck our family and my father was murdered at his 'Mom and Pop' business in Manhattan. Colonel Doody, As the Professor of Military Science and his staff, immediately initiated the process to award me a full ROTC scholarship to attend and graduate Norwich University as a distinguished military graduate. For this I am forever grateful. Bless you Colonel Doody and your family.  
LTC (Ret) Rodger J Rudolph, USA.*

**Rodger Rudolph** - June 21, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. I was doing family research for my Dad and found out about John's death. He was first cousin's to my Dad. His father William and my Grandmother Elizabeth were brother and sister. Again I am sorry. Tricia Corrigan*

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark - Your Dad was a great American. He did touch so many lives including mine. His efforts in establishing new churches will continue to impact many souls in the years to come, what a blessing. Stay strong my friend and continue his torch. All the best,  
Gams*

August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mark and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I only knew your dad for a short time, but I liked and respected him greatly. He was a significant influence on me as a cadet, and that has helped shape my life. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Marshall White NU'79

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July 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Uncle Jack's passing. I'm sorry that I didn't make time to hear all of the great stories he must have had about his life and career. But I am glad that any physical pain he may have felt has now been lifted. Another great from the greatest generation.

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July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM