

**In Memory of
LTC Ronald M. McLeod
U.S. Army (RET.)**



On Saturday April 20th, 2019 LTC Ronald M. McLeod US Army (RET), Class of 1961, passed away. The captain of the first championship swimming team and a WVSU ROTC Hall of Fame Inductee, LTC McLeod contributed his time and money up to his last day to insure the legacy of West Virginia State University and the ROTC program was known.

After LTC McLeod completed his requirements for a degree in zoology, he completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1961. Initial assignment was as a Rifle Platoon Leader in "C" Company, 31st Infantry Battle Group, followed by Weapon Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer "E" Company 17th Infantry Battle Group, 7th Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea, 1961/62. After Completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Ranger School in 1965, he was assigned to the Federal Republic of Germany, Deputy Director of Personnel and Community Activities, Bremerhaven; and Assigned Operations Officer, 704th Maintenance Battalion, 4th Infantry, Pleiku, Vietnam in 1966. He served a second tour 1969/70 in Vietnam; District Senior Advisor of DI AN and DUC TU Districts. Other assignments include G3, Chief of Plans and Operation Division and Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 5th AIT Bde. Fort Dix, New Jersey; Instructor of Infantry Tactics U.S. Army Transportation School. Chief, Systems Analysis Branch, Directorate Training Development, Ft Benning, GA; Chief Equipment Test Division, Test Officer for new protective mask,

improved tow vehicle, explosive foxhole digger and combat boots. U.S. Army Infantry Board; Chief, Readiness NGB at Pentagon; Senior Research and Development Coordinator Engineering and Acquisition, Headquarters Army Materiel Command; Chief, Test and Evaluation Division; Directorate Combat Development, Engineer School.

LTC McLeod's military awards include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with V Device; Meritorious Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster; Army commendation with first oak leaf cluster; Joint Service Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/palm; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star; Vietnam Honor Medal First Class; Parachute, Ranger Tab, Army Staff Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

LTC McLeod's actions demonstrated by insuring the legacy of WVSU and ROTC Battalion are those for which all alumni should strive.

LTC McLeod married Lydia Alvarado of Charleston, West Virginia, who is also a West Virginia State Alumna. They have two sons, Craig and Kirk, and two daughters, Alicia and Julie.