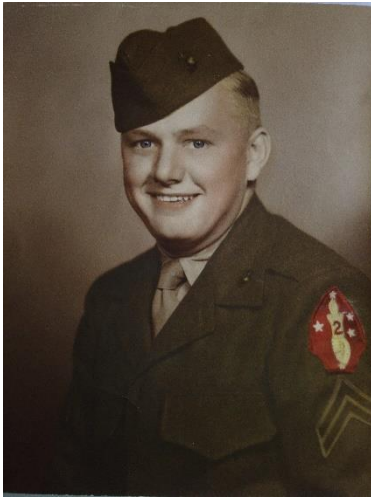


**LTC (Retired) Alvin J. Meyer**  
**Class of 1952**  
**Enshrined 2020**



Al was called to active duty in the United States Marine Corps in 1946 at the start of the Berlin Crisis. He was discharged as a Corporal in 1948 and entered Xavier University. He enrolled in ROTC and as an XU ROTC cadet was Company Commander of Battery G-1 Pershing Rifles, a Cadet Company Commander and a member of the Xavier Order of Military Merit. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science/Business Administration and was commissioned an Artillery Officer in 1952.

Upon completion of Officer Basic Training, he was deployed to the Korean War 1953-1954 and assigned to the 739th Field Artillery “Long Toms”. He returned from Korea and had assignments as Company Commander for B Battery 937th Gun Bn, C Battery 701 AAA 90mm Gun Bn, D Battery and 1st Missile Bn (Nike-AJAX). He had additional assignments in the Caribbean and US Continental Command (for runner to FORSCOM).

Overseas assignments included tours to Korea (post war) and Germany. He deployed to Vietnam 1969-1970 as Commander of the 75th Support Battalion, Quang-TRI Province. Upon return from Vietnam, he was assigned to the Army Staff, G-4 (Logistics) in Washington D.C. and retired in 1971.

Al’s career spanned 21 years, six months in the Active Force starting with his induction during the Berlin Crisis and assignment at the Naval Mine Depot in Virginia in 1946 and included combat tours in both Korea and Vietnam. Al had leadership assignments from Platoon Leader to Battalion Commander as well as assignments at Forces Command and the Army Staff.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Korea Service Medal with two Battle Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Battle Stars and one Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He is also qualified as a Jungle Warfare Expert.

His civilian and military education includes a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from Syracuse University and the Command and General Staff College.

In retirement Al worked at Holmes and University Hospital for another 17 years.

Al has been a volunteer in the Knights of Columbus, Military Officers Association of America, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a regular blood donor at the Hoxworth Blood Bank for as many years.

