



## Alvin L. Meredith, Col, U.S. Army (Ret)

March 25, 1928 - June 6, 2009

Alvin L. Meredith, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret), died Saturday, June 6, 2009 at his home in Tinton Falls, N.J. Al, a native of Pittsburgh, PA, enlisted in the army in August, 1950. He progressed through the ranks to Sergeant First Class and received a battlefield commission in Korea, during the war; and subsequently rose to the rank of Colonel. He also fought in the war in Vietnam, serving there in 1967-1968 during the so-called Tet Offensive.

He held various levels of command from battery to battalion, and staff positions including the Army General Staff and the J-3 staff of the Pacific Command. While in the service, he received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a Master's degree from the University of Miami, Florida. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He also served in the Defense Intelligence Agency as the Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy, Warsaw, Poland, during a communist regime.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, two awards of Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Medal, two awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Air Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and fifteen other medals and ribbons including the Republic of China Army Badge and the Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class.

Colonel Meredith retired from the Army on December 2, 1982. After retiring from the army he worked as a Senior Scientist for S.A.I.C., Arlington, Virginia

for 10 years before retiring from S.A.I.C. in 1993. Al is the author of the book The Fields of Innishannon, and he has tutored adults in reading with the Literacy Counsel of Northern Virginia and the Alexandria, Virginia, city jail. He moved into the Seabrook Village retirement community in Tinton Falls in June 2004 and has served as a Seabrook volunteer at the Mahala F. Atchison School since that time. Al is a member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Old Bridge, N.J.

Al is the father of STG1(SW)(RET) Kenneth Meredith, US Navy, and the grandfather of Alex and Summer Meredith, all of San Marcos, California; and the father of Eileen Meredith O'Kane, father-in-law of Brian O'Kane, and grandfather of Fiona O'Kane all of Old Bridge, New Jersey.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

## Visitation

JUN 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

## Service

SEP 11. 10:45 AM (ET)

Post Chapel  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences. He'll be missed by anyone who knew him.*##imported-begin##Anthony McCafferty##imported-end##

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June 25, 2009 at 10:26 PM



“ *Al Meredith was a fine man who touched my heart with his kindness and candor. He will always be remembered and missed by me.*##imported-begin##Cindy Wallace##imported-end##

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June 14, 2009 at 09:30 PM



“ *Al was an asset to my theater group, Hexagon, and a personal friend. I will miss him.*##imported-begin##Susan Dye##imported-end##

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June 14, 2009 at 06:14 PM



“ *I remember Al as a good friend and a superb Hexagon Administrative Vice President and President. He shall be sorely missed.*

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June 12, 2009 at 12:36 PM



“ *Missy and Family.. I am so sorry about your Dad(Uncle Al to me). Through the years I so enjoyed listening to all his stories. He was such a kind and caring man. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you Sandy*###imported-begin###*Sandy Leya Martin*###imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 06:45 PM



“ *Missy & Brian*

*I am sorry for the passing of Mr. Meredith. Sorry I did not make it to the wake or funeral. The two of you are great friends and I wish I could have been there to support you.*

*Michael Falzone*###imported-begin###*Michael Falzone*###imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 05:50 PM



“ *For Missy and the Meredith family:  
Dinny and I were deeply saddened to learn of your dad's death. He was a fine gentleman, a hard worker, and a most fair and pleasant boss (Warsaw, 1978-79). Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*###imported-begin###*Robert D. Brubaker, Col, US Air Force (Ret)*###imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 11:10 PM



“ Dear Kenny, Missy and Family.  
We will miss Uncle Al, he was always so much fun to be around and to talk to you. I enjoyed many a long talk and loved his books. It was a great treat to read them. He was also the best tour guide of DC we ever had, he just made it a great deal of fun and he knew so much and took us to places most people don't see. We love you.  
Kevin and Janet###imported-begin###Kevin and Janet Murray and Family###imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 01:46 PM



“ I too know Al from Hexagon. I have great memories working with him. He always had a joke and was great to be around. I will surely miss him. My sincere condolences to the family.###imported-begin###Peter Nerenstone###imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 01:35 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear the news of Al's passing. Every time I saw him at any Hexagon event, he was upbeat and positive and a joy to be around. I will miss him very much.  
My sympathies to all who knew and loved him.###imported-begin###Kathy Suydam###imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 12:17 AM



“ Al was such a humble and selfless person, that I never knew he was so incredibly accomplished and given so much to his country. What an incredible career and a wonderful life. He is remembered and will be sorely missed.###imported-begin###Darrell Capwell###imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 02:11 PM



“ We saw first hand what a great dad and Pop Pop he was. Always smiling--always a nice word to say. We are blessed to have known him.##imported-begin##Denise & Tom Kozak##imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ Al was an active member of our theater group (Hexagon) from the 1980's to 2003 in Washington, D.C. He served on the Board in several capacities and was President in 1989. He was a joy to work with at all times.

We offer our sincerest condolences to his family and ask to be notified of the funeral arrangements at Arlington Cemetery so that members who knew him can pay their respects.##imported-begin##Jennifer Strand##imported-end##

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June 09, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ Dear Missy, Brian, Ken and family,  
I am so sorry for you loss. Your dad was a truely a wonderful man .I feel so blessed that God brought our families together so many years ago in Germany where our friendship blossomed and we remained friends throughout all these years. Your dad always had a smile on his face and a joke or two up his sleeve to share with his friends and family. He will be missed by all. I hope that the love everyone has for your dad will help to bring you all comfort as we will always treasure his memory and the way that he touched our lives in so many different ways. Love ya  
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Harrington##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 10:54 PM



“ Dear Missy, Ken, Brian and Family, We are so pleased that we had your father as one of our most treasured friends for over 40 years. We will all miss him but I am sure he is with God and all his other friends and realitives that have preceeded him. I know you will miss him, but take comfort in knowing he was loved by so many. Al never met a stranger, they were always his friend. Love you, Pauline & Tim,##imported-begin##Tim & Pauline Harrington##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 10:37 PM



“ Al was one of our most favorite people. His presence with Missy at the JRTCA terrier trials was always a treat. A wonderful, generous man who will be so missed. We are thinking of you, Missy, Brian and Fiona.....##imported-begin##John and Linda Wishe##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 07:00 PM



“ Dear Missy and Family,  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. He had such a wonderful smile, a glow about him. He lives on in each of his children, and their children. To take a phrase from my grandmother's funeral, which was taken from my great-grandmother's funeral...as they say 'there he goes--they shout on the other side---here he comes!' My prayers and thoughts are with you. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Warmest wishes- Elizabeth Wishe##imported-begin##Elizabeth Wishe##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 06:52 PM



“ Al’s illness and subsequent passing is still something of a shock for me. It is my hope that Kenny, Missy & Brian, the Meredith families and Al’s friends will find comfort and peace in the days ahead.

*Al followed a path in life where he led by example in sharing his many talents with those around him. In doing so, he was an inspiration to others to do better, do it right and make the world a better place...and the world was made so much better with Al in it. I'm just glad I had the honor of meeting such a fine man.*

*God bless and be at peace.##imported-begin##David & Maureen Rennie##imported-end##*

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June 08, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Al's passing, but he is now in God's capable hands. I feel your sorrow and if there is anything at all that you need, even just to talk, you know we are here for you. God bless all of you; He will keep you strong##imported-begin##Holly Reitnauer & Bill Birch##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ Dear Missy and Family,  
I am so deeply sorry to hear of your loss! Your father was a very wonderful man. if there is anything you need at this time, Please let us know! May God help you and give you strength!  
All our love, Bernadette Gordon and Aidan##imported-begin##Bernadette Bell##imported-end##

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June 08, 2009 at 01:48 PM