

Colonel (Retired) Donald H. Jones is a 1957 graduate of Farrell High School. While there he earned 8 letters in sports and led the Farrell High School basketball team to their third state championship in 1956. He graduated from Niagara University's School of Business and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. His Army career has been highlighted by a combination of Command, Leadership and Acquisition assignments. He commanded an Airborne company in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Special Forces units in Europe and Vietnam, a Mechanized Infantry Battalion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division, The Defense Contract Administration Service Management Area, Orlando, Florida and served as the Army's Program Manager for Mines, Counter Mines and

Demolitions Programs. He has also served at the Pentagon as the Systems Coordinator for the Army's Infantry Anti-Tank Systems. His awards include the Defense Special Service Medal, Legion of Merit, two awards of the Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnamese Courageous Medal. Don and his wife, the former Sarah Phillips split their time between their homes in Orlando, Florida and Mercer, Pennsylvania. Colonel Jones will be the Keynote Speaker at the Mercer Memorial Day 500 Observance, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, noon to one, Citizens Cemetery, Mercer, Pennsylvania.