U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMAND

RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY
HONORING

COLONEL ALBERT W. SMARR, JR.

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1000 Hours
Smarr Hall, Building 291
Fort Monmouth, NJ
Colonel Smarr returned to Vietnam in July 1971 where he was assigned as Chief, Territorial Forces Division, Advisory Team 1, Military Assistance Command Vietnam. On February 25, 1972, Colonel Smarr was killed in a helicopter crash over the coastal waters of Da Nang, Vietnam, while accompanying his Vietnamese counterpart on a liaison visit to a ship of the U.S. 7th fleet.

Colonel Smarr has been awarded the Legion of Merit, The Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with the Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Vietnamese Medal of Honor and the Army Staff Identification Badge. Also, he has been awarded numerous decorations denoting participation in major campaigns during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

Today, COL Smarr's family is being presented the POW Medal, posthumously.

The Readiness Directorate would like to thank all who helped make this re-dedication ceremony possible.
Kansas. Upon graduation in June 1964, he was assigned as the S-3, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Colonel Smarr served in the Republic of Vietnam in 1965 as the G-3 Advisor to the 25th ARVN Infantry Division and as Deputy Senior Advisor for unit training at the National Training Center. Later, while assigned to the staff of Plans Division, Office Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army, he returned to Vietnam to participate in a study of the feasibility of the use of armor in Southeast Asian Warfare.

Following the Washington, D.C. assignment, Colonel Smarr was transferred to the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Fort Jackson, South Carolina in December 1968. There he served as a Battalion Commander and subsequently as a Brigade Commander.

In August 1970, Colonel Smarr was assigned to the U.S. Army Signal Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as Chief of the Tactics Division, Department of Command Communications. Upon promotion to the rank of Colonel he was assigned as Deputy Director, Department of Command Communications, a post he held until June 1971.
Colonel Albert W. Smarr, JR.

Colonel Albert W. Smarr, JR. was born 4 October 1924 at Gaffney, South Carolina and received his primary and secondary education in Hickory Grove, South Carolina. Colonel Smarr began his military career in September 1943, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. While serving as a gunner and radio operator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress, the then Staff Sergeant Smarr was taken as a prisoner of war when his aircraft was shot down while on a mission over Berlin. He was freed when the Russian Army liberated Berlin.

At war’s end Colonel Smarr returned to civilian life and resumed studies at Clemson College. Upon graduation in 1950, he was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the U.S. Army. After attending Basic Officer courses in both Infantry and Armor, he was assigned as a platoon leader in the 89th Tank Battalion which was participating in the armed conflict in Korea.

It was February 1952, that the then Lieutenant Smarr became the Aide-de-Camp to Major General I.F. Swift, the Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division, a post in which he continued to serve for two and a half years. He returned to Fort MacArthur, California, with the General when the latter took command of III Corps and again Lieutenant Smarr went with the General when he became the Commander of V Corps in Germany.

Subsequently, Colonel Smarr was given command of a company in the 57th Tank Battalion, V Corps and was later assigned to the battalion staff as an assistant to the S-3. Colonel Smarr returned to the United States in March 1956 where he served as the assistant G-1 at the Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky and later attended the Armor Officer Advanced Course.

Upon graduating from the Armor Officer Advanced Course in June 1957, he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Virginia, and in August 1960 he had a tour of duty with the Seventh Army Training Center in Germany.

In 1963, Colonel Smarr attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth,