



**Donald Michael Lionetti Co K-2**

*When Don made the long trek from New Jersey, he brought to West Point two valuable assets – a keen sense of humor and the willingness to work hard. He could always be found in the center of any fun raising. Whenever anyone needed help, they found in Don a willing and capable worker.*

**Born** – 6 March 1940 at Jersey City, NJ.

**To USMA** – from New Milford, NJ.

**Died** – 6 March 2015 (age 79) at Tampa, FL.  
Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Military Awards** – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Legion of Merit Medals, Defense Superior Service Medal, 2 Army Distinguished Service Medals.

**Schooling** – Master of Science Degree in Engineering, Arizona State University, Command and General Staff College, CGSC, National War College, NWC.

**Family** - Wife – Roberta Ann (Bobbi) Tibbett Lionetti (57 years) – 3 children (Laura, Donald, Christopher) – 3 grandchildren.

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Don served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 33 years, retiring in 1994, with the rank of Lieutenant General. His first assignment was serving as the Liaison Officer with the 56<sup>th</sup> Artillery Brigade. He then served at with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Artillery Detachment, Commanding Officer, Air Missile Detachment), and 6<sup>th</sup> Artillery and Headquarters, 15<sup>th</sup> Artillery Group. He then served in Vietnam (Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Force Vietnam, FFV), Fort Sill, OK (Artillery Advanced Course), Tempe, AZ (Arizona State University), West Point, NY (Staff & Faculty, Instructor in Mathematics), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Fort Bliss, TX (Executive Officer 3/61 Air Defense Artillery), Germany (Director, NCO Course, 7<sup>th</sup> Artillery Training Center and then Commanding Officer, 2/60<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Deputy Staff Operations Department of the Army, ODCSOPS DA), Fort McNair, DC (National War College, NWC), Fort Lewis, WA (Brigade Commander, 9<sup>th</sup> Division, Air Defense Artillery), Fort Bliss, TX (Deputy to Commanding General), Pentagon, VA (Department of Army Office of the Deputy Staff Operations, DA ODCSOPS), Fort Bliss, TX (Assistant Commander, Air Defense Artillery Center, ADAS), Redstone Arsenal, AL (Director of Plans, J5, U.S. Space Command), Fort Bliss, TX (Commanding General, Air Defense Artillery Center, ADAS), Fort Eustis, VA (Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, Army Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC), Redstone Arsenal, AL (Commanding General, Army Space and Strategic Defense Command, USASDC) where he advocated for missile defense and tailored space applications to support terrestrial operations.

After leaving active duty in the Army, Don had a successful business career in consulting. He then served as the Vice President for Air and Missile Defense Systems with Lockheed Martin in Orlando, FL, supporting the development of a new multinational system. He was also a National Security Consultant for ground-based air and missile defense, space applications for terrestrial military operations and related research, technology, and acquisition. Don passed away on 6 March 2019, on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday.