



Colonel Volney H. Rattan, Retired, United States Army and Lifetime OFPA Associate: Order No. 4528--VA No. 084 and NC No. 047

Please join the Virginia Society in wishing Col. Rattan, Retired, United States Army, a **Happy Birthday** on 19 March 2018-his 102nd birthday. He was born at Dallas, Texas in 1916. Attended Oklahoma A&M College; his B.A. at George Washington University; and his M.S. in Business Ed. at the U. of Richmond, Virginia. His military career began in 1941 after being inducted into the United States Army where he attended OCS and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Medical Administrative Corps. He served honorably in WWII, as did his wife Frances, who was a US Army Surgical Nurse.

Col. Rattan's distinguished military career involved many locations around the globe including France, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Greece, Panama, and Turkey. His assignments included the Commanding Officer, U.S.A. Medical Depot, Croix Chapeau, France, and Deputy Director Medical Material Procurement, Department of Defense Personnel Support Center, in Philadelphia, PA. During his military career, Col. Rattan earned no less than seven (7) awards including the **Bronze Star**.

Col. Rattan retired in 1971 and settled in historic Williamsburg, VA with his wife and two sons. Both of which and a grandson are current OFPA associates.

His public service continued as he accepted active roles in various organizations: the Silver Caduceus Association, Sons of the American Revolution, Huguenot Society of Virginia,- the Colonial Capital Branch, Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, American Philatelic Society, and the Williamsburg Stamp Society (past President).

Volney Higdon Rattan's distinguished heritage, as a descendant of Founder Richard Higdon and Revolutionary War Patriot John Higdon, earned his admittance as an associate in The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, aptly considered the most exclusive society in the United States.

Volney H. Rattan served The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America with distinction as its Deputy Secretary General (1990-92), Secretary General (1992-96), and Deputy Governor General (1996-98), and was responsible for the OFPA publication *Register of Lineages of Associates 1993-2000, Volume 5, Corrections, Additions, and Supplements and No. 4968 thru 5383; and Index, 2002*. As a result of his commitment, then Gov. General Alden Atwood remarked: "This volume is the result of the dedicated work of Volney H. Rattan of Virginia [Society]. It was a tremendous undertaking and is the product of countless hours of compiling the data necessary to complete the volume, including an *eight thousand* [8,000] name index. There are few men who would devote the patience and energy necessary to accomplish this daunting task, and the Order is most fortunate to have him." As a result of his steadfast commitment and excellence, he was the recipient of the highest award conferred by the Order on one of its associates, the coveted **Distinguished Service Award**.

Colonel Rattan has distinguished himself before his Country, his family, and in various organizations. In so doing he embodies the Order's motto of "***Steadfast for God and Country.***"

Happy Birthday Colonel Rattan and thank you for your many years of service. We wish you and your family, the very best-----

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## References

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<https://www.fold3.com/search/#query=Volney+H.+Rattan&offset=21&preview=1&cat=25>
2. Silver Caduceus Association, Inc produced a document titled: "*COL, (Ret) Volney Rattan Enjoys Centennial Celebration*". This document provided his biography to include his military assignments, ranks, and awards earned. The document was created for their 2016 E-newsletter. The organization was celebrating their 99th Birthday of the Medical Service Corps and recognized Colonel Volney Rattan as stating, "COL Rattan may be the oldest living retired MSC Officer." Their web homepage can be found at: <https://www.silvercaduceusassociation.org/>
3. CD containing the History of the OFPA to include the VA Society and specifically, Section 5-- *Associates In The Spotlight-- Deputy Governor General Volney H. Rattan and,*
4. *The Register of Lineages of [OFPA} Associates 1993-2000, Volume 5, Corrections, Additions, and Supplements and Nos. 4968 thru 5383; and Index, 2002.*
5. The OFPA *Bulletin* magazine, c. 1996-97 which highlighted the 100<sup>th</sup> General Court and its activities at which Col Volney Rattan was awarded the OFPA Distinguished Service Award.