



Colonel (Retired) John Baker, U.S. Army

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Colonel (Retired) John Baker. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, COL Baker passed away on 2 August 2014. He was 96 years old.

COL Baker was born in Hazard, Kentucky on 5 June 1918. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1942. In 1951, following his graduation from Yale Law, COL Baker deployed as a Judge Advocate in the support of the Korean War. COL Baker served in various locations and assignments during his distinguished military career to include West Point, Germany, Fort Meade, Fort Knox, Panama, and Fort Monroe. Upon retiring from the Army in 1970, COL Baker served as a Magistrate Judge with the U.S. Federal Court in Panama. After the termination of U.S. federal jurisdiction in the former Canal Zone, COL Baker returned to Castine, Maine.

COL Baker is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jean; his six children Jody Hoffman, COL (U.S. Army Ret) John Baker, Margaret Baker, Robin Lambert, Barney Baker, and Col (USMC Ret) Matthew Baker; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

COL Baker will be buried at West Point with full military honors on 15 September 2014.

Please keep the Baker family in your thoughts and prayers at this most difficult of times.

FLORA D. DARPINO
LTG, US Army
The Judge Advocate General