



# **Donald Stanley Marshall**

September 10, 1919 — August 28, 2005

## Colonel DONALD STANLEY MARSHALL, Ph. D.

Born: Danvers, Massachusetts September 10, 1919

Died: Alexandria, Virginia August 28, 2005

Malden High School, 1938

A.B., *Magna Cum Laude*, Anthropology, Harvard College, 1950

*Phi Beta Kappa*

A.M., General Anthropology, Harvard University, 1951

Ph.D., General Anthropology, Harvard University, 1956

Recipient of Fulbright, Guggenheim and other fellowships.

Before World War II, Donald Marshall was a professional photographer. He enlisted in the United States Army in March, 1942, and became an officer in September after attending Officer Candidate School. He served in the Panama Canal Zone during the War; his work there with the San Blas Cuna Indians led him to study anthropology.

As a staff member of the Peabody Museum of Salem, Massachusetts in the 1950's, Doctor Marshall carried out extensive field work in Polynesia, resulting in several books and many articles.

In 1962 Colonel Marshall returned to active duty with the U.S. Army. He graduated from the Army War College in 1963 and then served at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in Vietnam. His assignments covered a wide range of interdisciplinary and planning studies related to national strategy, particularly regarding nuclear weapons and terrorism. In 1972, as Chief, Long Range Planning Task Group, Colonel Marshall worked directly for Major General Creighton Abrams, Jr., Commander of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam. Colonel Marshall viewed this as the peak of his career.

Colonel Marshall received numerous decorations and medals from the United States including the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, and the Bronze Star. He was rated expert in six types of rifles and guns. He was decorated by the Republic of Vietnam and the Republic of China.

Colonel Marshall retired from active duty in 1976 but continued to consult with the United States government until 1980. He then moved to California and resumed his anthropological and linguistic studies. He chaired the Military Conflict Institute, which is dedicated to understanding the nature of military conflict and developing a philosophy of war.

In 1990 Doctor Marshall returned to what is now the Peabody Essex Museum and became publisher of *The American Neptune* and Research Anthropologist for Oceania. He worked in the same red schoolhouse from which he carried out his first anthropological studies.

Doctor Marshall retired again in 2000 due to ill health and moved to Virginia. He continued working on his manuscripts until the last months of his life.

Doctor Marshall leaves six children. With his first wife, Shirley Morrow Marshall, he fathered Mira Nan Marshall, Lance Martin Marshall, Shirley Moana Marshall, and Annabel Jean Marshall Baer. With his companion, Virginie Bjarnne Richmond, he fathered Mildred ("Mimi") Hereroa Richmond LeMenn. And with his second wife, Judith Becker Marshall, he fathered Ariela Lucy Marshall. Doctor Marshall has six grandchildren.

*Equally important, Don loved books and words, fine food and wine, cats and small children. He had a temper. He thought if he kept working he'd live forever. He sang well, danced superbly, and was beloved by his friends. He loved women, but never understood them. He lived an incredible life.*



