



## **HECTOR T. DITTAMO**

**Member of the Board of Directors and  
Representing the DC Chapter of Concerns of  
Police Survivors**

Hector T. Dittamo was born in Paterson, NJ. His retirement on February 28, 2006 marked the completion of 43 years and nine months of continuous federal service, 23 years on active military duty (US Army), and 20 years, nine months with federal civil service. Nearly 28 years was spent in the Pentagon. He graduated on June 2, 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree (major in Journalism) from the University of Dayton (Ohio). He was a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant. Among other varied assignments, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Dittamo graduated from Boston University (Degree of Master of Education) in September, 1975. His latter military assignments included HQ, Military District of Washington and as the Chief, Services Division, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired from the US Army on May 31, 1985. On June 3, 1985 he joined the civilian work force with the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force as Chief, Services and Supply. In 1994, he joined the Pentagon Building Management Office, Washington Headquarters Services. In April, 1999, he returned to the HQ, US Air Force as Chief, Facilities Support Division, and later as the Director, Facilities Support Directorate. He attained his GS-15 grade in November, 2001. Mr. Dittamo was on duty at the Pentagon when it was attacked on September 11, 2001.

His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal w/two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, plus numerous service ribbons; as a civil servant, the Award for Meritorious Civilian Service, and Federal Employee Point of Light.

He was active with the Boy Scout program and attained the highest awards in both Scout and Explorer ranks. He is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and serves in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #8183 and Fr. Edwin F. Kelley Assembly #1443. He served as a Grand Knight and a Faithful Navigator; he also served as a District Deputy for four years.

After retirement, he devoted his time to work with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, where he and his wife were in charge of a major fund raising program selling gift cards, a program that raised profits over \$415,900 from July, 1995 until the Program ceased in August, 2011. In addition, he assisted at the family business, Fox's Pizza Den, in Lake Ridge, VA, which opened in November, 2005 but closed in December, 2010, following the death of his son, Paul, in the line of duty with the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC on October 30, 2010.

He was a graduate of the Prince William County Citizen Police Academy (PWCCPA) and is a member of the PWCCPA Alumni Association. He is also enrolled as a volunteer with the PWC (Virginia) Police Department. He is an active member of the Washington, DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.). He was elected President of the DC Chapter in June, 2012 and currently serves as President.

He is married to the former Theresa Marie Blatz of Dayton, Ohio. They celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in January, 2014. They have eight children, Christine, Angela, Rebecca, Jennifer, Andrew, Peter, Paul (EOW: 10/30/2010) and Elizabeth, and twenty-five grandchildren.