

## **Brigadier General Richard J. Tallman**

March 28th 1925 - July 9th 1972

Richard J. Tallman was born on March 28th, 1925 in Honesdale, Wayne County, PA, the son of Harold Tallman and Irene Spinner Tallman. He grew up on a farm outside of White Mills, and later lived in Honesdale, graduating from Honesdale High School in 1943.

He was drafted into the United States Army shortly after graduation, and was shipped to the European Theatre, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge as a machine gunner. At the end of the battle, he earned a field commission. Later, he was appointed as a Cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated in the Class of 1949, selecting Infantry as his profession. Right after graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Phillips of Honesdale. The Korean War broke out in 1950, and 1st Lt. Tallman was soon in the thick of the fighting. Later, came the Vietnam War. Lt. Col. and then Col. Tallman did 3 tours of duty in South Vietnam. In between tours, he was twice stationed at West Point, serving as a tactical officer working closely with the cadets and also teaching Military History. Later, he was Assistant Commandant of Cadets.

He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 1972, and returned to South Vietnam on a 4th tour of duty. He was killed during the Battle of An Loc on July 9th, 1972. A record of his death can be found at the Virtual Wall.

[www.virtualwall.org/dt/TallmanRJ01a.htm](http://www.virtualwall.org/dt/TallmanRJ01a.htm).

BGEN Tallman was laid to rest at the Old Chapel cemetery at West Point. His wife and seven children survived him. He was the last General Officer to die in the Vietnam War.

The legacy of BGEN Tallman's service to his country continues to this day. Two of his sons graduated from West Point, as did five of his grandchildren. Today, eleven of his grandchildren serve in the United States Armed Forces.

## **Dedication Ceremony**

**for the**

## **Brigadier General Richard J. Tallman**

## **Memorial Bridge**



**Church and Twelfth Streets**

**Honesdale, PA**

**November 13, 2011**

**1:00 PM**

**PROGRAM**



**Brigadier General  
Richard J. Tallman  
1925-1972**

<b>Musical Selections</b>	<b>Honesdale High School Ensemble</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Albert G. Rutherford Master of Ceremonies</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Father Edward Finn Retired VA Chaplain</b>
<b>Posting the Colors</b>	<b>West Point Military Police Honor Guard</b>
<b>National Anthem</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Timothy Morgan, Principal Honesdale High School</b>
<b>Vocal Selection</b>	<b>Honesdale High School Ensemble</b>
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Hon. Lisa Baker, Senator 20th District, Pennsylvania</b>
<b>Principal Speaker</b>	<b>Major Andrew Pannier United States Military Academy</b>
<b>Dedication of Brig. Gen. Richard J. Tallman Bridge</b>	
<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Mrs. Richard J. Tallman</b>
<b>Instrumental Selection</b>	<b>Honesdale High School Ensemble</b>
<b>Taps</b>	
<b>Retiring the Colors</b>	<b>West Point Military Police Honor Guard</b>