


Mr. Reddie A. Stone, Jr.

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|  | Inducted October 24, 1994 |
| | November 1932 - September 28, 1989 |
| | Project MASSTER, 1970-1971 |
| | HQ, MASSTER, 1971-1976 |
| | TCATA, 1976-1988 |
| | Deputy Director, TEXCOM Battlefield Automation Test Directorate, 1988-1989 Fort Hood, Texas |

The TEXCOM Headquarters Building was memorialized on October 3, 1989, as "Stone Hall" in honor of Reddie A. Stone, Jr., the first facility at Fort Hood to be named after a civilian employee.

When Mr. Stone died in September 1989, he was the Tactical Systems Test Director and Deputy Director, Battlefield Automation Test Directorate (BATD) of TEXCOM.

For more than 20 of his 35 years of federal service, Mr. Stone provided TEXCOM and its predecessors, Project MASSTER; HQ, MASSTER; and TRADOC Combined Arms Test Activity (TCATA), unparalleled service as a pioneer of modern day operational testing.

While Mr. Stone was serving as the TEXCOM Battlefield Automation Test Directorate (BATD) Deputy Director, Lt. Gen. Crosbie E. Saint asked him to evaluate III Corps command and control during REFORGER 87. Mr. Stone developed an integrated fire support/intelligence capability which allowed the Corps to implement deep attack of second echelon targets.

He showed himself to be on the cutting edge of operational and user testing to the very end. Already deeply involved in Maneuver Control System and SINCGARS testing, during the last year of his life he had both feet in the new innovative field of the Army Tactical Command and Control System.

A superb test officer and MASSTER charter member, Mr. Stone was deeply revered by his colleagues and fellow workers. He was renowned for his knowledge of the Army's command and control structure.

Mr. Stone spent his career improving and refining the structure that was employed on the battlefield and instrumental in our country's superb victory in Southeast Asia.

He was the personification of the ideal tester, a dedicated searcher for truth. In his 20 years of service, he was the role model and mentor for a generation of testers.