

Maj. Gen. Daniel B. Strickler, USA, Ret.

(1897-1992)

Inducted 2013

Major General Daniel B. Strickler was an extraordinary civic and military leader. He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) and deployed to the Mexican Border Campaign as a corporal in Company C, 4th Pennsylvania Infantry, PNG. He was commissioned in 1917, and fought in WWI as the Commanding Officer, Company B, 109<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion. He was wounded in action and cited for gallantry. He returned from World War I and attended and graduated from Cornell University with an Bachelor of Law (LLB).

General Strickler served as auditor for Lancaster County. He was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; Commissioner of Police for Lancaster; and County Solicitor for Lancaster in the inter-war years. He also served in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) during this time, rose to the rank of Colonel and commanded the 313th Regiment (USAR).

When World War II broke out, he accepted a voluntary reduction to Lieutenant Colonel to command the 1-112th Infantry, 28th Infantry Division. He commanded in succession the 1-109th (May 1942-September 1944), the 109th Regiment (September 1944-November 1944) and finally the 110th Regiment (December 1944-October 1945), during World War II serving in all major campaigns with great distinction.

He returned to private life and was elected as Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania in 1947. He left that office in 1950 when he returned to active duty as Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division during the Korean War call up. He left Command of the 28th and was assigned first as Chief Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Italy (1952-1955), and then as Assistant Chief of Staff J5 United Nations and Far East Commands, Japan (1955-1957). He retired in 1957 and returned to Pennsylvania and resumed private law practice. He served as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention (1967-1968).

General Strickler's decorations include: Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with V Device, Order of Leopold w/Palm (Belgium), Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium), Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), Order of the Rising Sun (Japan), Verdun Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.