

Sgt. Maj. Herman W. Clemens
USA, Ret.
Inducted 2006

Sergeant Major Herman W. Clemens was an ardent supporter of the Pennsylvania National Guard for nearly five decades. His service as a soldier, military technician, and volunteer have uniquely qualified Clemens for the Hall of Fame.

In February, 1957, Private Clemens began his career. He worked his way up the ranks ultimately retiring as a Sergeant Major after 42 years of exemplary service to the Nation and the Commonwealth. Congenial, always competent, never one to seek glory, he relished the satisfaction of a job well done. His work in supply and logistics enabled tens of thousands of Guardsmen to train. Not content with minimum standards, Sergeant Major Clemens supported not only his unit but others like the Pennsylvania Military Academy. Clemens built on training and Education received as a soldier and a technician. No matter where, in a supply room or an organizational maintenance shop, he had two guiding principles: Meet the mission requirement and take care of your soldiers.

Clemens always found time to volunteer while in uniform. Beyond his 42 years of service Sergeant Major Clemens continued to volunteer. He was Commandant for the Pennsylvania National Guard Youth Camp for many years. Sergeant Major Clemens is indeed a Pennsylvania Guardsman---a minuteman personified.