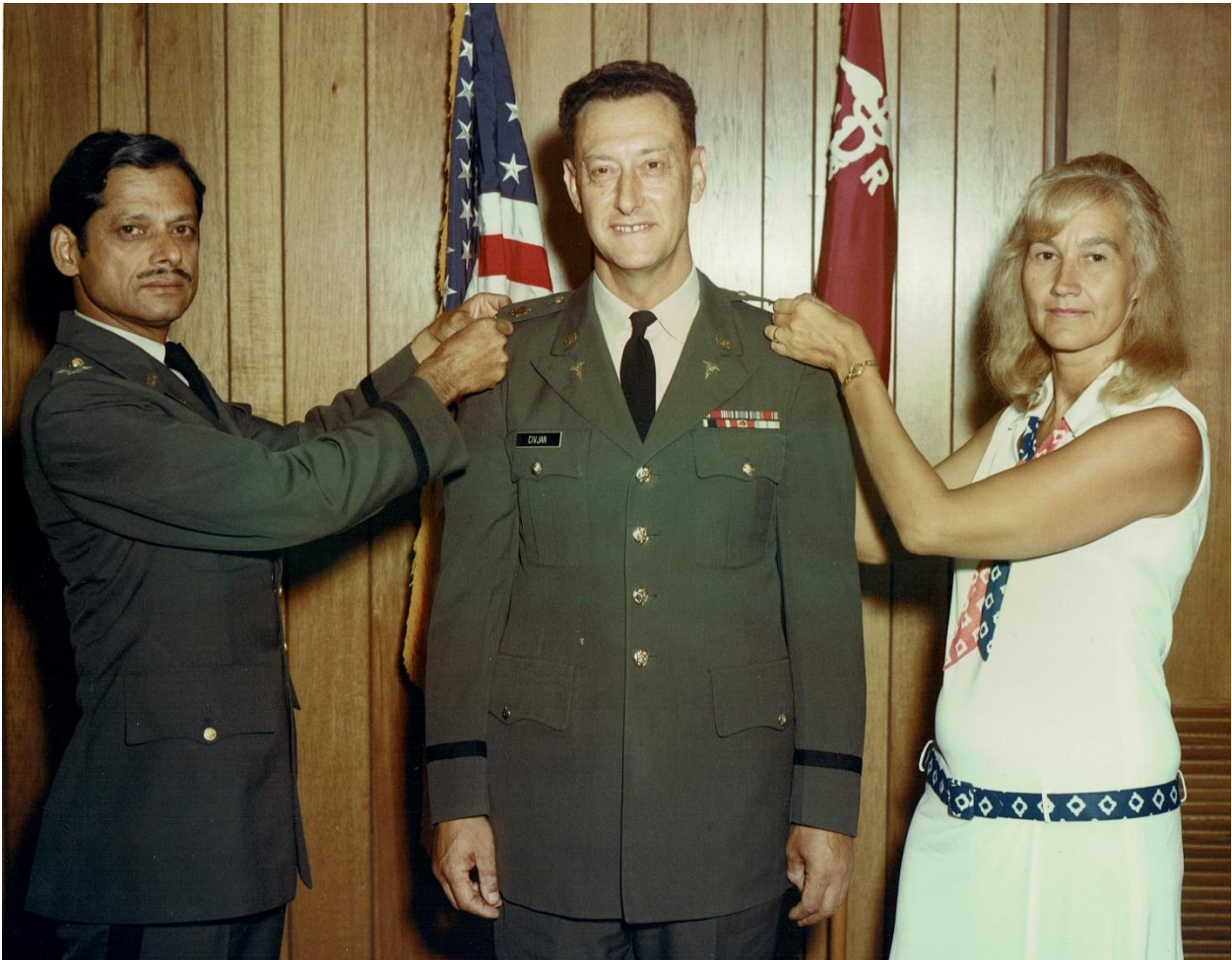


IN MEMORIUM: COLONEL SIMON CIVJAN, DDS (RET)



Colonel Simon Civjan, DDS (Ret, US Army) died on May 24, 2018, at age 97. He was born on May 25, 1920 in Linkuva, Lithuania to Sonya Rebecca and Chaim Civjan. Sponsored by an uncle, he immigrated alone to the United States in 1939. In 1944, he graduated with honors (Cum Laude) and a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of Florida. He served in the US Army in Germany as an enlisted man and officer from 1944 to 1949. In 1954 he received a DDS from the U of Md. Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and a Master of Science in Dental Materials from Georgetown University in 1963.

Dr. Simon Civjan entered the US Army Dental Corps in 1954 with assignments at Ft Jackson, SC; Korea; Ft. Sam Houston, TX; Ft Ord, CA; Walter Reed Army Institute of Dental Research, Washington, DC where from 1963 to 1973 he was Chief of the Dental Materials Division and from 1973 to 1974 the Director of the Institute; Commander of the Dental Activities in Landstuhl, Germany; and Commander of Dental Activities Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He retired in 1979 after 30 years of service to his country. His numerous military awards include the Legion

of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, World War II Victory Medal and National Defense Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster).

After retirement from the US Army, he settled in Houston, TX. He was a professor from 1980 to 1986 at the University of Texas School of Dentistry-Houston and taught in the Department of Dental Materials. He truly loved teaching and maintained contact with many of his former dental students until his death.

Dr. Civjan was a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry and the International College of Dentists. He was a member of the American Dental Association, the International Association for Dental Research, the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Alumni Association of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. He has authored countless articles on dental material research, presented at innumerable national and international scientific conferences, was a contributing author of the book Improving Dental Practice Through Preventive Measures and co-author of a U.S. Patent.

Always staying active, Simon enjoyed taking walks with his ex-military friends and swam at the Houston JCC well into his eighties. He was a photographic enthusiast and avid camera collector. He had a passion for languages and spoke five fluently. He was a devoted student of history and politics always enjoying a good discussion. His photographic memory was relied upon by many across the globe for helping piece together family histories lost in the Holocaust.

Simon was married to Velta Lilia Jansons in 1946, a marriage lasting 62 years until Velta's death on August 18, 2009. He is predeceased by his sister, Rachel, who along with his parents died in the Holocaust. He is survived by his two sons COL (Ret) Ralph Civjan, DDS (wife Rebecca) of Easton, PA and Neal Civjan (wife Angie) of Palo Alto, CA; four grandchildren - Scott (wife Sheryl), Jason (wife Catherine), Natanya (husband Juan) and Benjamin; and five great-grandchildren - Levi, Abra, Porter, Ana and Oliver.