

## **JOHN A. HAMMACK**

### **Founder & Chairman Emeritus**

#### **Safer Dallas Better Dallas**

John A. Hammack has compiled an extraordinary record of achievements, both in public service and private pursuits.

Born in Mississippi and appointed to West Point from that state, Jack Hammack graduated in the top fifth of the Class of 1949 and was commissioned in the United States Air Force. Irving.

In 1954, he began a civilian career that has included endeavors in the fields of petroleum exploration and production, banking, and real estate. In the early 1970's he was appointed as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Jack has held numerous positions of public trust: President of the Dallas Petroleum Club, the Greater Dallas Crime Commission, and the Highland Park Independent School District Educational Foundation. He was also elected the Mayor of the Town of Highland Park, and during his tenure succeeded in unifying its police department, fire department, and other emergency service agencies, resulting in a significant savings for the municipality.

From the time he took office as Chairman until the day he stepped down from the position at the end of 2001, Jack Hammack essentially put his personal business affairs on hold. He was always available -- and was frequently called upon -- to travel from Texas to New York in order to deal with important AOG issues. He applied his business acumen to the governance and functioning of the organization. He served as the conduit for communication between the members of the extended West Point family and the Academy's leadership. He expanded the programs of services and support for alumni that had been set in place by his predecessor. In short, he gave his all to the Association of Graduates. And he achieved great things.