

NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

HALL OF FAME

George E. Brick, Colonel (NMMI), (Honorary Alumnus)

George Brick began his service to New Mexico Military Institute in 2008 by accepting the position as Vice Dean High School Principal and served in that position until 2020. George is a retired Marine who served in Vietnam with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division as a forward Air Controller. His rank was Corporal when he was awarded the Silver Star. His citation reads as follows:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Corporal George E. Brick, United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a forward Air Controller with Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 17 August 1968, during Operation Mameluke Thrust, Company M was conducting a search and destroy operation in the village of Phu Loc in Quang Nam Province when Marines became heavily engaged with a large North Vietnamese Army force. Alertly observing that the lead element was pinned down by intense mortar, antitank rocket, and automatic weapons fire, Corporal Brick unhesitatingly left his position of relative safety and ran across 100 meters of fire-swept terrain toward the point position, despite sustaining fragmentation wounds in his leg.

Ignoring his painful injuries, he boldly maneuvered to a vantage point from which he skillfully commenced adjusting airstrikes on the hostile emplacements. Continuing his determined efforts until the hostile force was completely disorganized, he enabled his company to initiate an assault on the enemy position. Observing three Marines fall wounded during the initial moments of the attack, Corporal Brick completely disregarded his own safety and exposed himself to the heavy volume of hostile fire as he aided in moving the casualties to a landing zone for medical evacuation.

George Brick's performance of duty in combat is in keeping with the New Mexico Military Institute credo of Duty, Honor, and Achievement.

Inducted for Valor this 22nd day of October in the year 2021

LTC Danny L. Armijo, NMMI 1972 JC
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