

ALBERT (DOC) A. CANTELLO - Class of 1949

Athletics - Inducted 1980

Post High School Achievements and Distinctions

Upon his graduation from LaSalle College, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps with a commission as a Second Lieutenant. While in military service he continued his track training with an eye on the Olympic Games. He participated in amateur competition in 15 countries during the 5-year period between his enlistment and the Rome, Italy Olympic Games. He opposed athletes of international renown. It was during one of these competitions in Compton, California he set the **WORLD RECORD** in the **JAVELIN EVENT** at 282 feet 3 and 1/2 inches while competing for the U.S. Marine Corps.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps before being discharged with the rank of Captain. During his tour of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps he was head indoor track coach at the Quantico, VA. Marine Base and was assistant outdoor coach, Assistant Recreation Officer and Assistant Director of the Quantico Relays.

He was a member of the first U.S. Track Team to visit the Soviet Union in 1958, and competed in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. He finished 10th in the Olympic javelin toss.

He was a teacher and head track coach, cross-county coach and swimming coach at Methacton High School, Worcester Township, PA., 1961-1962.

In the summer of 1963 he was appointed Assistant Track Coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.; He was appointed Head Cross Country Coach at the Academy in 1968 and continues to serve as coach of the indoor and outdoor track teams.

High School Activities

Junior Assembly, Cheerleading Squad, member of the Baseball, Football, Swimming and Track Teams. Member of the District Championship Swimming Team, set the PIAA record in Javelin throw and was named to the High School All-American Track Team.

Post High School Education and Activities

Graduated LaSalle College, Philadelphia, PA, B.A. in English Ed., 1955.

He was named to the All-American Track Team for three consecutive years while at LaSalle, 1953-1955. As an undergraduate at LaSalle, he won the javelin division of the Penn Relays and I-C-4-A track championships three consecutive years. He was runner-up in the NCAA javelin toss in 1955.

Professional/Personal

He lives with his wife Jackie in Annapolis, Maryland.

