

The Honorable Dale E. Wolf (Class 123-44)

Dale E. Wolf was born in Kearney, Nebraska on September 6, 1924. He was raised in Kearney and later attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where he graduated with a BS in Agriculture.

As World War II broke out, he enlisted in the Army on April 9, 1943 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and later attended Field Artillery Officer Candidate School graduating on September 2, 1944. He distinguished himself as a Forward Observer in the 77th Infantry Division in the Philippines during the Battle of Okinawa. He was awarded The Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for wounds received on May 14, 1945.

After the war he married his sweetheart Clarice Elaine Marshall on December 31, 1945. After his marriage he went on to receive his Ph. D. from Rutgers University. After receiving that degree, he became an Associate Professor at Rutgers University and shortly thereafter he took a position with the agriculture research division of the DuPont Company. Receiving this position is what led him to his future home in the State of Delaware.

He held a number of different positions in Planning, Research, Marketing and General Management with DuPont. While part of the DuPont team, he attended the Stanford Business School's Executive Development Program from which he graduated in 1963.

He eventually became the Chairman of the Board of DuPont's Pharmaceutical Business and head (Group Vice President) of the Agriculture business. The agriculture business was the most international of DuPont's various efforts with particularly large sales in Japan, France, Germany, Africa and the Soviet Union.

He also held the position of Chairman of the National Agriculture Chemical Association (NACA) and Chairman of the International Agriculture Chemical Association (GIFAP) and served as a member of the Board of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Association (PMA).

He left DuPont in 1987 to accept an appointment from Governor Michael Castle of Delaware as Director of Development, responsible for the capital budget, housing for the poor, tourism and economic development, for the state.

In 1988, he was chosen as the Republican nominee for the Office of Lt. Governor of Delaware to run with Delaware's then current Governor Michael Castle. Mike Castle was elected to his second term to become Delaware's 69th Governor and Wolf was elected as Delaware's 22nd Lieutenant Governor. He was inaugurated into the office of Lt. Governor on January 20, 1989.

As Lt. Governor, he chaired the Senate, the Pardons Board, was Chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Coordinating Council and Chairman of the Adult Literacy Council. In 1989 President George Bush appointed him to the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (IGPAC).

On December 31, 1992 Governor Michael N. Castle resigned the office of Governor due to being elected as Delaware's lone Congressman during the same year's election. On that same day Dale E. Wolf was sworn in to become Delaware's 70th Governor and served through January 19, 1993.

After leaving public office he went on to serve in many capacities. His last position being the Chairman of Daynel International, a consultant group that assists companies interested in doing business in China, Vice Chairman of the Board and on the Governance Committee of the publicly held (NASDAQ) WSFS Bank (He was re-elected to the Board for a three year term in April, 2002) in Wilmington, Delaware, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Emerald BioAgriculture Corporation, an agriculture biotechnology company in Lansing, Michigan. In 1995, he and his wife Clarice also lived in Guangzhou, China and set up the China office for the law firm of Mezzullo-McCandlish.

Wolf was also very active in his community and his church. He was on the Advisory committees of Agriculture and Hotel Management Schools at the University of Delaware. He served on the Boards of the Red Cross, Girls Inc., Christiana Care Medical Center Board of Trustees and was the Chairman of SURJ (Stand Up for what's Right and Just), an organization dedicated to improve the criminal justice system in Delaware.